

1B Dangerous pursuits?

Activity type: Speaking – Matching game – Pairs / Small groups

Aim: To talk about dangerous and safe sports and to associate physical experiences with them

Language: Present and past simple / Explaining personal tastes – Use any time after 1.2.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for each group or pair of learners and cut out the sports cards and sentence strips.

Time: 20–30 minutes

- 1 Give each group or pair one set of sports cards. Verify that they understand what all the sports are.
- 2 Learners decide which are ‘safe’ and which are ‘dangerous’, marking the safe sports *S* and the dangerous sports *D* in the box at the top right of each card.
- 3 Encourage whole-class feedback on the results. Be prepared for some disagreement and some stories of personal experiences. Keep this stage brief to allow time for the matching game.
- 4 Learners regroup (pairs or small groups). They put the sports cards face down and the sentence strips face up on the table. Clarify any vocabulary as necessary. One learner picks up a sports card and reads out the name of the sport. He/She then chooses a sentence strip which he/she feels matches the sport and explains why. If his/her teammate(s) accept(s) the explanation, he/she keeps the card and the sentence strip.
- 5 The game continues until all cards and sentence strips have been used up. The winner is the person with the most cards and accompanying sentence strips.

Extension

Learners can make their own cards and sentence strips using names of other sports that they know of or have tried.

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Sports cards

Bungee jumping <input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing <input type="checkbox"/>	Football <input type="checkbox"/>
Parachute jumping <input type="checkbox"/>	Horse riding <input type="checkbox"/>	Caving <input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling <input type="checkbox"/>	Inline skating <input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming <input type="checkbox"/>
Climbing <input type="checkbox"/>	Golf <input type="checkbox"/>	Skiing <input type="checkbox"/>

Sentence strips

- You feel alone, even if you are with other people. It's not easy to get help quickly.
- From up there, we felt that the whole world was at our feet.
- When you are going fast, you can feel the wind whistling past your ears.
- It was very relaxing. We felt as if we had all the time in the world.
- Time was against us. We had to move fast.
- It takes a lot of energy. It's easy to get out of breath.
- My arms hurt, but I continued anyway.
- Our voices sounded extremely loud. It was quite scary!