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Unit 5: Taking a Risk

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Think and Discuss

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1. Many times in my life I take risks without even knowing that I am doing it. Although I am not a very risky person, sometimes I make decisions that take me out of my comfort zone. Some of these risks are the fact of acquiring debts to benefit myself, such as a car, a new room set, among other things. About six months ago I decided to venture and risk studying and working at the same time, with great fear but I tried and here I am giving my best effort.

2. People who take many risks in life are those who possess great courage. Those whose greatest fear is not enjoying life to the fullest. These types of people are the adventurers who achieve everything they set out to do with as much adrenaline as possible.

Explore the theme

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a.

1. What are the people in the photo doing?
The people in the photo are parachuting.

b.

If you enjoys something, you like doing it.
If something is dangerous, it is not safe.
Your brain controls your body.

Preparing to Read

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a.

1. Businesses
2. Goal
3. Situations
4. Activity
5. Pleasant
6. Succeeding

b.

1. Do you have a goal for learning English? What is it?

I have a goal to learn English. My goal would be to be able to flow correctly both writing and producing it, without hesitation and projecting myself safely.

2. When was the last time you felt afraid? Why did you feel this way?

The last time I felt fear was at the end of January. It made me feel like this the worry of failing either in college or at work since I want to be able to accomplish both at the same time.

3. Would you like to try any dangerous activities? If yes, which ones?

I'm not a person to try any dangerous activities. I prefer to have stability and be safe.

c.

Letter b. new research into risk-taking

Understanding the reading

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a.

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. A

b.

1. A
2. A
3. B

c.

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B

d.

1. I took a financial risk when I decided to buy a new room set.

2. Why did you take the risk? How you feel afterwards?

I took the risk because mine was no longer in the best condition. I felt very good after doing it because it gave me fullness to be able to enjoy what I have earned.

Developing Reading Skills

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a.

1. Expedition part of speech: noun
2. Social part of speech: adjective
3. Financial part of speech: adjective
4. Thrill part of speech: noun
5. Extreme part of speech: adjective
6. Create part of speech: verb

b.

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. D

Video

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- a. Look at the photo and read the caption. What is Brady Barr's job? Why is his job sometimes dangerous?

Braddy Barr is a wildlife expert. His work is sometimes dangerous as he faces wild animals.

b.

1. Aggressive
2. Rangers
3. Rescue
4. Rip
5. Snares

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c.

can be about as long as three (3) humans lying end to end
can weigh around eight (8) times more than an average human male
can eat about three hundred and five (365) kg of food in one meal.

While Viewing

- a.
 - 1. A
 - 2. C
- b.
 - a. 4
 - b. 2
 - c. 6
 - d. 3
 - e. 1
 - f. 5

After Viewing

- a. Would you like to work with dangerous animals? Why or why not? Discuss with a partner.
I would not like to work with dangerous animal because I don't like to take that kind of risk and they scare me.
- b. Professional risk-taker
A thrill seeker

Reading 2

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- a.
 - 1. Trouble
 - 2. Difficulty
 - 3. Size
 - 4. Without
 - 5. Surprisingly
 - 6. Close
 - 7. Strong
 - 8. Follow
- b.
 - 1. Boxing football baseball
 - 2. Haiti Dominican Republic Cuba
 - 3. Cow zebra horse

2. Most people don't enjoy dangerous activities.
3. I don't take a lot of risks.
4. Brian Sherry doesn't works in the jungle.
5. The right whale is not a small animal.

c.

- I don't always eat junk food, sometimes I eat healthy.
- I don't drink soda every day, most of the time I drink water.
- I don't usually sleep late, I like to rest what I need.
- I don't go out meals, I do the necessary.
- I don't stay in bed, I often exercise.

Editing Practice

1. I'm not wanting to go skateboarding.
2. Most people do not like to take risks.
3. We don't enjoy dangerous sports.
4. Brady Barr does not live in Uganda.
5. Good students don't start studying for a test at the last minute.

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d.

1. It's never safe to skateboard without a helmet.
2. Skydivers almost always wear protective suits.
3. Skerry often meets dangerous sea creatures in his work.
4. Surfing is sometimes dangerous.
5. I rarely take chances with my money.
6. Shy people hardly never talk to strangers at parties.

e.

1. I never travel alone.
2. I rarely speak in front of large groups.
3. I hardly ever talk to strangers at parties.
4. I never study for a test at the last minute.

Writing task

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c.

Since we are born, we face a world full of difficulties that arise without our knowledge of them, however, there are some situations that we decide; these are the risks. Throughout our lives, we must make decisions regarding our future, what we aspire to, what we desire and what we want to achieve. Sometimes we come to choose some risks that can make us more courageous, capable and self-confident people. There are different types of risks that we learn about as we grow up. On the one hand, there are extreme risks such as sports or dangerous things and there are also those risks from which we cannot escape because they are part of who we are and will always be. Our daily life is made up of choosing; choose to grow and develop or choose to stay where we are. For those of us who believe in being better, there are risks that are worth it.

During my school years the subject that was most difficult for me was English. I was never, nor am I, the best in this language and even if I was, I have taken the risk of beginning to read and translate little by little what I find in English. The fact of occasionally imposing the language on me, whether in small phrases, subtitles, or songs, has made me gain knowledge as far as English is concerned. By taking this risk I have been able to flow a little more when addressed in our second language. It's the only risk I've ever willingly taken. On the other hand, although I have had to face colleagues whose main language is English, the fact of producing it orally scares me. This is a risk that I normally do not take because my fear of being wrong has stopped me many times. I'm scared of mispronouncing something and that it might be misunderstood. Even so, I am currently working as a secretary in a medical office where students from many countries come to do their rotations. Due to this, to communicate with them I have needed to resort to my English production orally, a risk that I would never take regularly out of fear. Although it has not been the best English, they have managed to understand me, and I know that this will help me in the future in any situation. Sometimes I hesitate too much but it is part of growing and developing in something and, although I am still very hesitant to take that risk, there always comes a time when I need to carry it out.

Unit Review

1. What are two examples of an everyday risk?

One example of an everyday risk is driving because we don't know what we will find on the road or even when our car can fail us. Another example would be one as simple as delaying the alarm when waking up because we would be taking the risk of being late for work or university, making us seem like unpunctual people.

2. B

3. Reading 1:

- Activity
- Business
- Goal
- Dangerous
- Afraid
- Brain
- Enjoy
- Situation

Reading 2:

- Close
- Size
- Trouble
- Difficulty
- Strong
- Without
- Follow