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More people die from selfies than shark attacks

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THE READING

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Tourists and camera lovers should remember a new danger that has recently appeared. This new life-threatening hazard started in the past few years and is now everywhere. It is twice as deadly as being killed by a shark. What is this new danger? Well, it is the selfie. Yes – love 'em or hate 'em, the desire to take a photo of yourself in front of a world-famous site or to pose and pout with a friend has resulted in more deaths in 2015 than shark attacks. So far this year, 12 people have died as a result of trying to take a selfie. This compares to just six deaths from shark attacks.

Selfie accidents happen in many ways. Wikipedia.com detailed the deaths seen this year. They include two Russian men who were killed while taking a selfie with a hand grenade; three Indian students were killed by a train while taking selfies on train tracks; and an American fell to her death while taking a selfie with her boyfriend on a cliff. The latest death came when a Japanese tourist died falling down the stairs at the Taj Mahal in India. There may be more. A Russian government spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" in Russia alone.

Sources: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/selfie-deaths-shark-attacks_5602c0c5e4b0fde8b0d09cbe
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_selfie-related_injuries_and_deaths

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a new danger that has | a. or hate 'em |
| 2. This new life- | b. recently appeared |
| 3. in the past | c. from shark attacks |
| 4. It is twice | d. few years |
| 5. love 'em | e. threatening hazard |
| 6. the desire to take a | f. site |
| 7. a world-famous | g. photo of yourself |
| 8. This compares to just six deaths | h. as deadly |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Selfie accidents happen | a. tracks |
| 2. a hand | b. death |
| 3. taking selfies on train | c. related deaths |
| 4. fell to | d. down the stairs |
| 5. The latest | e. in many ways |
| 6. falling | f. grenade |
| 7. There may | g. her death |
| 8. dozens of selfie- | h. be more |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tourists and camera lovers should remember a new (1) _____ recently appeared. This new life-threatening hazard started (2) _____ years and is now everywhere. It is twice as deadly (3) _____ a shark. What is this new danger? Well, it is the selfie. Yes – love 'em or hate 'em, the (4) _____ photo of yourself in front of a world-famous site or to pose and pout with a friend has resulted (5) _____ 2015 than shark attacks. So far this year, 12 people have died as a result of trying to take a selfie. This (6) _____ six deaths from shark attacks.

Selfie accidents (7) _____ ways. Wikipedia.com detailed the deaths seen this year. They include two Russian men (8) _____ taking a selfie with a hand grenade; three Indian students were killed (9) _____ taking selfies on train tracks; and an American (10) _____ while taking a selfie with her boyfriend on a cliff. The latest death came when a Japanese tourist died falling down the stairs at the Taj Mahal in India. (11) _____. A Russian government spokeswoman told reporters that in July, there were, "dozens of selfie-related deaths" (12) _____.

SELFIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about selfies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

