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**Level 0 – 15th January 2026**

**Risk-taking in young chimps and teens is similar**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-0.html>

Teenagers do crazy things. They take more risks. Some cause injuries. A study of chimpanzees may explain risky behaviour in children. Researchers studied 100 chimpanzees in Uganda. The researchers looked at how the chimps moved through trees. The youngest chimps did more dangerous things.

Children and young chimpanzees take risks. However, parents stop children from doing risky things. Teenagers have more freedom. They want to try risky things. Researchers want children to play more in parks. This will help children to develop motor skills. It will also make them stronger.

Sources: <https://www.sciencealert.com/chimps-reveal-why-teenagers-are-notorious-for-risky-behaviors>  
<https://www.earth.com/news/young-chimpanzees-take-more-risks-similar-to-human-behavior/>  
<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/chimpanzees-thrill-seeking-toddlerd>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. Teenagers do	a. through trees
2. They take more	b. injuries
3. Some cause	c. in children
4. A study	d. crazy things
5. explain risky behaviour	e. did more
6. Researchers studied	f. risks
7. how the chimps moved	g. 100 chimpanzees
8. The youngest chimps	h. of chimpanzees

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. Children and young	a. to develop
2. parents stop	b. freedom
3. Teenagers have more	c. chimpanzees
4. They want to try risky	d. play more
5. Researchers want children to	e. skills
6. This will help children	f. children
7. motor	g. stronger
8. It will also make them	h. things

## **LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS**

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-0.html>

Teenagers (1) \_\_\_\_\_ . They take more risks.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ . A study of chimpanzees may

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ in children. Researchers studied

100 chimpanzees in Uganda. The researchers

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ the chimps

(5) \_\_\_\_\_. The youngest chimps did

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ .

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ chimpanzees take risks. However,

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ from doing risky things.

Teenagers (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They want to

(10) \_\_\_\_\_. Researchers want children to

play (11) \_\_\_\_\_. This will help children to

develop motor skills. It will also (12) \_\_\_\_\_ .

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RISKS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about risks 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-0.html>

Write about **risks** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.