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**Level 1 – 15th January 2026**

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

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[https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-1.html](http://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-1.html)

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-1.html>

Teenagers do crazy things. When a child becomes a teenager, they take more risks. Some are dangerous and cause injuries. A study of chimpanzees may explain risky behaviour in children. Researchers studied over 100 chimpanzees in Uganda. The chimps were between 2 and 65 years old. The researchers looked at how the chimps moved through trees. The youngest chimps did more dangerous things. Older chimps took fewer risks.

Children and young chimpanzees take risks. Children are at an age when parents stop them from doing risky things. However, teenagers have more freedom. They want to try risky things. The study shows risk-taking was the same for male and female chimps. A website said researchers want children to have "access to thrill-seeking play". This will help them to develop motor skills and 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-toddler>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Teenagers do crazy           | a. took fewer risks |
| 2. When a child becomes         | b. in children      |
| 3. they take more               | c. a teenager       |
| 4. Some are dangerous and cause | d. chimps           |
| 5. risky behaviour              | e. risks            |
| 6. how the chimps moved through | f. things           |
| 7. The youngest                 | g. trees            |
| 8. Older chimps                 | h. injuries         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

|                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Children and                | a. female chimps     |
| 2. Children are at an age when | b. things            |
| 3. doing risky                 | c. freedom           |
| 4. teenagers have more         | d. young chimpanzees |
| 5. risk-taking was the         | e. seeking play      |
| 6. male and                    | f. parents stop them |
| 7. access to thrill-           | g. skills            |
| 8. help them to develop motor  | h. same              |

# **LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS**

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Children and young chimpanzees take risks. Children (7) \_\_\_\_\_ age when parents (8) \_\_\_\_\_ doing risky things. However, teenagers have more freedom. They want to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The study shows risk-taking was the same for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ chimps. A website said researchers want children to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ thrill-seeking play". This will help them to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and make them stronger.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RISKS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2601/260115-risky-behaviour-4.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-1.html>

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