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

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# THE ARTICLE

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<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/chimpanzees-thrill-seeking-toddlerd>

# WARM-UPS

**1. RISKS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about risks. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

teenagers / crazy things / child / injury / chimpanzee / national park / animals / risks  
anthropologist / supervise / parents / freedom / thrill seeking / play / old-fashioned

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MORE RISK:** Students A **strongly** believe teenagers should take more risks; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. TENAGE RISKS:** What risks do teenagers take? Why? Did you take these risks? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Risks	Why?	You
Food			
Exercise			
Bicycle			
Relationships			
Internet			
Studying			

**5. INJURY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "injury". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. RISKS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest risks at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Not exercising
- Smoking
- Unhealthy eating
- Easy passwords
- Wasting time
- Ignoring traffic signals
- Clicking email links
- Walking across the road

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 1. seems    | a. Moved back and forth in the air.                    |
| 2. teen     | b. Harm or damage to the body.                         |
| 3. injury   | c. A person who is 13 to 19 years old.                 |
| 4. wild     | d. Held something tightly.                             |
| 5. swung    | e. Looks like something is true, but you are not sure. |
| 6. branches | f. Living in nature, not with people.                  |
| 7. gripped  | g. Parts of a tree that grow from the main stem.       |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. anthropologist  | h. Say why you think something is true.             |
| 9. supervise       | i. From the past; from a long time ago; not modern. |
| 10. cause          | j. Wanting to do exciting or dangerous things.      |
| 11. argue          | k. Watch and take care of someone.                  |
| 12. thrill-seeking | l. About the bones in the body.                     |
| 13. old-fashioned  | m. A person who studies people and how they live.   |
| 14. skeletal       | n. Make something happen.                           |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says all teenagers do very crazy things. **T / F**
2. Young children take more risks than teenagers. **T / F**
3. Researchers studied more than 100 chimps in Uganda. **T / F**
4. Researchers said older chimps were more likely to let go of branches. **T / F**
5. A researcher said chimpanzee behaviour helps explain teen behaviour. **T / F**
6. Teenagers take more risks because their parents aren't around. **T / F**
7. A researcher said male chimps took more risks than female chimps. **T / F**
8. The researcher hoped more children would play on monkey bars. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>well known</b> | a. conduct    |
| 2. <b>injury</b>     | b. expand     |
| 3. <b>behaviour</b>  | c. held       |
| 4. <b>fall</b>       | d. harm       |
| 5. <b>gripped</b>    | e. look after |
| 6. <b>supervise</b>  | f. fun        |
| 7. <b>cause</b>      | g. famous     |
| 8. <b>thrill</b>     | h. use of     |
| 9. <b>access</b>     | i. drop       |
| 10. <b>develop</b>   | j. lead to    |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Teenagers are well known                | a. age from 2 to 65 years |
| 2. Some of these are dangerous and         | b. skills                 |
| 3. The chimps ranged in                    | c. branches firmly        |
| 4. researchers looked at how the animals   | d. seeking play           |
| 5. made sure they gripped                  | e. lead to injury         |
| 6. doing things that might cause           | f. for doing crazy things |
| 7. the risk-taking was the same for        | g. strength               |
| 8. increasing children's access to thrill- | h. injuries               |
| 9. a way to help them develop motor        | i. swung through trees    |
| 10. skeletal                               | j. male and female chimps |

# GAP FILL

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

Teenagers are well known for doing (1) \_\_\_\_\_ things. It seems that once a child becomes a teen, they take a lot (2) \_\_\_\_\_ risks. Some of these are dangerous and lead to (3) \_\_\_\_\_, or worse. A new study of young chimpanzees may (4) \_\_\_\_\_ risky behaviour in children. The study is from researchers at the University of Michigan in the USA. They studied over 100 wild chimpanzees in a national park in Uganda. The chimps (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in age from 2 to 65 years. The researchers looked at how the animals (6) \_\_\_\_\_ through trees. The youngest chimps seemed to do more dangerous things, like (7) \_\_\_\_\_ go of branches and letting themselves fall. Older chimps took fewer risks and made sure they gripped branches (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*swung*

*more*

*firmly*

*explain*

*letting*

*crazy*

*ranged*

*injury*

Lead researcher and anthropologist Laura MacLatchy (9) \_\_\_\_\_ why children and young chimpanzees take more risks. She believes it is because they are at an (10) \_\_\_\_\_ when people supervise them less. Parents and carers often stop very young children from doing things that might (11) \_\_\_\_\_ injuries. However, young teens have more (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and want to try new and risky things. Professor MacLatchy said the risk-taking was the same for male and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ chimps and humans. The website ScienceAlert said that "some anthropologists (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for increasing children's access to thrill-seeking play, including the old-(15) \_\_\_\_\_ monkey bars, as a way to help them develop motor skills and skeletal (16) \_\_\_\_\_".

*female*

*age*

*freedom*

*fashioned*

*suggested*

*strength*

*cause*

*argue*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Teenagers are well known for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. doing crazy thing
  - b. doing crazily things
  - c. do in crazy things
  - d. doing crazy things
- 2) Some of these are dangerous and lead to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. injurious, or worse
  - b. injury, or worse
  - c. injured, or worse
  - d. injury, or worsen
- 3) The researchers looked at how the animals \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. swung though trees
  - b. swung through trees
  - c. swung thorough trees
  - d. swung threw trees
- 4) do more dangerous things, like letting go of branches and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. letting themselves fallen
  - b. letting themselves fall
  - c. letting themselves falls
  - d. letting themselves fell
- 5) Older chimps took fewer risks and made sure they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. gripped branches firm
  - b. griped branches firmly
  - c. gripped branches firmly
  - d. gripped branch is firmly
- 6) Lead researcher and anthropologist Laura \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. MacLatchy suggestion why
  - b. MacLatchy suggestive why
  - c. MacLatchy suggest it why
  - d. MacLatchy suggested why
- 7) She believes it is because they are at an age when parents \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. supervise them less
  - b. supervise them lest
  - c. supervise them lesser
  - d. supervise them lessen
- 8) carers often stop very young children from doing things that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. might clause injuries
  - b. might cause injuries
  - c. might case injuries
  - d. might course injuries
- 9) ScienceAlert said that some anthropologists argue for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. increasing children's recess
  - b. increasing children's success
  - c. increasing children's excess
  - d. increasing children's access
- 10) old-fashioned monkey bars, as a way to help them develop motor skills \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and skeletal strengthen
  - b. and skeletal strengthens
  - c. and skeletal strength
  - d. and skeletal strong

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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(7) \_\_\_\_\_ anthropologist Laura MacLatchy suggested why children and young chimpanzees take more risks. She believes it is because they are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ when people supervise them less. Parents and carers often stop very young children from doing things that (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, young teens have more freedom and want to try new and risky things. Professor MacLatchy said the risk-taking was the same for (10) \_\_\_\_\_ chimps and humans. The website ScienceAlert said that "some anthropologists argue for increasing children's access to (11) \_\_\_\_\_, including the old-fashioned monkey bars, as a way to help (12) \_\_\_\_\_ skills and skeletal strength".



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say teenagers are well known for doing?
2. What happens once a child become a teenager?
3. How many chimpanzees did researchers look at in the research?
4. How old were the chimps?
5. Who (or what) gripped branches more firmly?
6. What kind of researcher is professor Laura MacLatchy?
7. What does the article say teenagers have more of?
8. Who did researchers say risk-taking was the same for?
9. What do anthropologists want children to have more access to?
10. What kind of skills can monkey bars develop in children?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say teenagers are well known for doing?
  - a) homework
  - b) crazy things
  - c) climbing trees
  - d) being moody
- 2) What happens once a child become a teenager?
  - a) They get angrier.
  - b) They are more respectful.
  - c) They take fewer risks
  - d) They take more risks.
- 3) How many chimpanzees did researchers look at in the research?
  - a) more than 100
  - b) exactly 100
  - c) fewer than 100
  - d) around 100
- 4) How old were the chimps?
  - a) between 3 and 55
  - b) between 2 and 35
  - c) between 2 and 65
  - d) between 3 and 65
- 5) Who (or what) gripped branches more firmly?
  - a) teenagers
  - b) older chimps
  - c) younger chimps
  - d) children
- 6) What kind of researcher is professor Laura MacLatchy?
  - a) She's an anaesthesiologist.
  - b) She's an archaeologist.
  - c) She's an anthropologist.
  - d) She's an astrologist.
- 7) What does the article say teenagers have more of?
  - a) intelligence
  - b) money
  - c) muscles
  - d) freedom
- 8) Who did researchers say risk-taking was the same for?
  - a) male and female chimps
  - b) women and men
  - c) boys and girls
  - d) all of humanity
- 9) What do anthropologists want children to have more access to?
  - a) thrill-seeking play
  - b) smartphone games
  - c) good food
  - d) advice
- 10) What kind of skills can monkey bars develop in children?
  - a) language skills
  - b) motor skills
  - c) communication skills
  - d) computer skills

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Not Exercising**

You think not exercising is the biggest risk in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): smoking, clicking on email links or walking across the world.

## **Role B – Smoking**

You think smoking is the biggest risk in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): not exercising, clicking on email links or walking across the world.

## **Role C – Clicking on Email Links**

You think clicking on email links is the biggest risk in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): smoking, not exercising or walking across the world.

## **Role D – Walking Across the Road**

You think walking across the world is the biggest risk in life. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): smoking, clicking on email links or not exercising.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'chimpanzee' and 'teenager'.

<b>chimpanzee</b>	<b>teenager</b>

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• known</li><li>• worse</li><li>• explain</li><li>• park</li><li>• letting</li><li>• firmly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• suggested</li><li>• less</li><li>• carers</li><li>• male</li><li>• argue</li><li>• way</li></ul>
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# RISKS SURVEY

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

# RISKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'chimpanzee'?
3. What crazy things did you do when you were a teenager?
4. What crazy things do very old people do?
5. How much of a risk-taker are you?
6. What are the good and bad things about taking risks?
7. Does chimpanzee behaviour explain human behaviour?
8. Why do we take fewer risks as we get older?
9. Are smartphones making children take fewer risks today?
10. What's the biggest risk you've ever taken?

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# RISKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'teenager'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How many risks do we take every day?
15. Should parents encourage children to take more risks?
16. Would you like to take more risks?
17. What would happen if all world leaders were teenagers?
18. Did any risk you took go badly?
19. What do you think of old-fashioned monkey bars?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |                 |               |                 |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) crazily    | (b) craze       | (c) crazy     | (d) crazes      |
| 2.  | (a) more       | (b) most        | (c) many      | (d) some        |
| 3.  | (a) explain    | (b) explanatory | (c) explained | (d) explanation |
| 4.  | (a) ranged     | (b) ranges      | (c) deranged  | (d) ranger      |
| 5.  | (a) stung      | (b) swung       | (c) sung      | (d) slung       |
| 6.  | (a) firmed     | (b) firmware    | (c) firm      | (d) firmly      |
| 7.  | (a) suggestive | (b) suggest     | (c) suggested | (d) suggestion  |
| 8.  | (a) in         | (b) up          | (c) to        | (d) at          |
| 9.  | (a) freedom    | (b) frees       | (c) freer     | (d) freely      |
| 10. | (a) same       | (b) samey       | (c) similar   | (d) similarly   |
| 11. | (a) recess     | (b) access      | (c) success   | (d) excess      |
| 12. | (a) on         | (b) such        | (c) as        | (d) up          |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Some of these are aoudregsn
2. lead to iyrjun, or worse
3. lipxaen risky behaviour in children
4. chimps gardne in age from 2 to 65
5. how the animals gunsw through trees
6. letting go of scraenhb

## Paragraph 2

7. Lead researcher and hgsltapooitrno
8. at an age when parents iesuevspr them less
9. young teens have more eodmerf
10. argue for increasing children's ascsec
11. lrihlt-seeking play
12. develop motor skills and skeletal sghtertn

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) age from 2 to 65 years. The researchers looked at how the animals swung through trees. The youngest
- ( ) age when parents supervise them less. Parents and carers often stop very young children from doing
- ( ) and humans. The website ScienceAlert said that "some anthropologists argue for increasing children's access to
- ( ) and young chimpanzees take more risks. She believes it is because they are at an
- ( ) chimps seemed to do more dangerous things, like letting go of branches and letting themselves
- ( ) explain risky behaviour in children. The study is from researchers at the University of Michigan
- ( ) fall. Older chimps took fewer risks and made sure they gripped branches firmly.
- ( ) in the USA. They studied over 100 wild chimpanzees in a national park in Uganda. The chimps ranged in
- ( ) Lead researcher and anthropologist Laura MacLatchy suggested why children
- ( ) more risks. Some of these are dangerous and lead to injury, or worse. A new study of young chimpanzees may
- ( ) new and risky things. Professor MacLatchy said the risk-taking was the same for male and female chimps
- ( **1** ) Teenagers are well known for doing crazy things. It seems that once a child becomes a teen, they take a lot
- ( ) things that might cause injuries. However, young teens have more freedom and want to try
- ( ) thrill-seeking play, including the old-fashioned monkey bars, as a way to help them develop motor skills and skeletal strength".

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. are Teenagers known well doing for things crazy .
2. Some these of dangerous are lead and injury to .
3. A of study may chimpanzees risky explain behaviour .
4. studied They 100 over chimpanzees wild Uganda in .
5. The seemed chimps do to dangerous more things .
6. an At when age supervise people less them .
7. Carers stop often children young doing from things .
8. was Risk-taking same the males for females and .
9. Some argue anthropologists increasing for access children's .
10. A to way them help motor develop skills .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Teenagers are well known for doing crazy / *crazily* things. It seems that once a child becomes *the* / *a* teen, they take a lot *more* / *many* risks. Some of these are dangerous and lead to injury, or *worsen* / *worse*. A new study of young chimpanzees may explain risky behaviour *at* / *in* children. The study is from researchers at the University of Michigan in the USA. They studied over 100 wild chimpanzees in a national park in Uganda. The chimps *ranges* / *ranged* in age from 2 to 65 years. The researchers looked at *what* / *how* the animals swung through trees. The youngest chimps *seamed* / *seemed* to do more dangerous things, like letting go *off* / *of* branches and letting themselves fall. Older chimps took fewer risks and made sure they gripped branches *firm* / *firmly*.

Lead researcher and *anthropology* / *anthropologist* Laura MacLatchy suggested why children and *youngster* / *young* chimpanzees take more risks. She believes it is because they are *at* / *that* an age when parents supervise *them* / *him* less. Parents and carers often stop very young children from doing things that might *cause* / *causing* injuries. However, young teens have more freedom and want *to* / *and* try new and risky things. Professor MacLatchy said the risk-taking was the same for male and female chimps and *humans* / *human*. The website ScienceAlert said that "some anthropologists argue for increasing children's access *for* / *to* thrill-seeking play, *including* / *include* the old-fashioned monkey bars, as a way *to* / *for* help them develop motor skills and skeletal strength".

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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T\_\_n\_g\_rs \_r\_ w\_ll kn\_wn f\_r\_ d\_\_ng cr\_zy th\_ngs. \_t s\_\_ms th\_t \_nc\_ \_ ch\_ld b\_c\_m\_s \_ t\_\_n, th\_y t\_k\_ \_ l\_t m\_r\_ r\_sks. S\_m\_ \_f th\_s\_ \_r\_ d\_ng\_r\_\_s \_nd l\_\_d t\_ \_nj\_ry, \_r\_ w\_rs\_. \_ n\_w st\_dy \_f y\_\_ng ch\_mp\_nz\_\_s m\_y \_xpl\_\_n r\_sky b\_h\_v\_\_r \_n ch\_ldr\_n. Th\_ st\_dy \_s fr\_m r\_s\_\_rch\_rs \_t th\_ \_n\_v\_rs\_ty \_f M\_ch\_g\_n \_n th\_ \_S\_. Th\_y st\_d\_\_d \_v\_r 100 w\_ld ch\_mp\_nz\_\_s \_n \_ n\_t\_\_n\_l p\_rk \_n \_g\_nd\_. Th\_ ch\_mps r\_ng\_d \_n \_g\_ fr\_m 2 t\_ 65 y\_\_rs. Th\_ r\_s\_\_rch\_rs l\_\_k\_d \_t h\_w th\_ \_n\_m\_ls swng thr\_\_gh tr\_\_s. Th\_ y\_\_ng\_st ch\_mps s\_\_m\_d t\_ d\_ m\_r\_ d\_ng\_r\_\_s th\_ngs, l\_k\_ l\_ttng g\_ \_f br\_nch\_s \_nd l\_ttng th\_ms\_lv\_s f\_ll. \_ld\_r ch\_mps t\_\_k l\_ss r\_sks \_nd m\_d\_ s\_r\_ th\_y gr\_pp\_d br\_nch\_s f\_rml\_y.

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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## FREE WRITING

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Write about **risks** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]



# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Children should experiment and take more risks. Discuss.

[illegible]

# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. RISKS:** Make a poster about risks. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. RISK-TAKERS:** Write a magazine article about encouraging children to take more risks. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on risks. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on children taking risks. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. c    3. b    4. f    5. a    6. g    7. d  
8. m    9. k    10. n    11. h    12. j    13. i    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 F    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. d	3. a	4. i	5. c
6. e	7. j	8. f	9. h	10. b

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Crazy things
2. They take more risks.
3. More than 100
4. Between 2 and 65
5. Older chimps
6. An anthropologist
7. Freedom
8. Male and female chimps
9. Thrill-seeking play
10. Motor skills

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Teenagers are well known for doing crazy things.
2. Some of these are dangerous and lead to injury.
3. A study of chimpanzees may explain risky behaviour.
4. They studied over 100 wild chimpanzees in Uganda.
5. The chimps seemed to do more dangerous things.
6. At an age when parents supervise them less.
7. Carers often stop young children from doing things.
8. Risk-taking was the same for males and females.
9. Some anthropologists argue for increasing children's access.
10. A way to help them develop motor skills.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. c    7. d    8. a    9. a    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)