

LISTENING TAPESCRIPT (Please read twice)

The interesting thing about extreme sport, or X-sport as it is sometimes called, is that nobody can exactly agree what it is. The nearest thing to a dictionary definition is a sport that is 'dangerous and difficult'. Although figure skating is pretty difficult, and ice hockey and boxing can both be very dangerous, they are definitely not extreme sports. The most popular - and accessible - extreme sports are probably skateboarding, BMX and snowboarding, all activities that were originally developed in North America.

It was during the late 60s that Californian surfers, frustrated during periods when there weren't any good waves, started to make the first downhill skateboards. Skateboarding was one of the biggest crazes of the 1970s. Made from polyurethane, the boards soon became smaller, cheaper and available to all. Competition skateboarding followed, although this tended to mean slalom or downhill races. Some skaters started to perform tricks in empty swimming pools. These skaters weren't interested in being fastest or jumping the highest, but inventing new and dangerous stunts for the fun of it. Due to a media backlash as parents became fearful that their children would end up with broken bones, and the growing popularity of BMX, skateboarding went out of fashion for a while. From the late 1970s and early 1980s onwards, BMX - tough little bikes inspired by cross-country motorbikes in California, which could be ridden on a variety of surfaces - became very popular. Bikes that had originally been developed for racing on mud were adapted for street use by people who wanted to have fun and do tricks.

Rather than races and competitions, the extreme sports boom saw the development of 'jams' - anarchic events where enjoying the DJs, bands and atmosphere was as important as watching the sports. Fans were able to buy videos of the skateboarding, snowboarding and surfing champions in action. The video always contained music of a particular raw and exciting kind which suited the danger of the sport.

Extreme sports clothing developed into a distinctive urban fashion look, with baggy, comfortable clothes. Snowboarding changed the winter sports scene, with its emphasis on a good time.

Advertisers like Pepsi started to associate themselves with the cool and radical image of X-sports. In the 1990s the image of the extreme sports lifestyle was everything that a big corporation wanted: youthful, edgy, dangerous and radical. And there is a lot of money to be made from equipment, TV channels, videos and the annual X-Games.

In addition to bungee-jumping, skysurfing and white water rafting, people are always inventing new and crazy activities. Extreme sports remain controversial because many people have seriously injured themselves and have even died in their search for the ultimate adrenaline high, but the universal love of adventure will always ensure the survival of X-sports.

PICTURE STORY

Make up a story about the people, the place and the event in the picture.



ROLEPLAY

STUDENT

You are in England on a scholarship. You are living in a dormitory with a student from Australia. The school has given you 200 euros to buy some furniture and/or equipment for your room. Your roommate suggests buying a TV set because he/she likes watching sports and soap operas.

Disagree with him/her, explain why, and suggest buying a wardrobe and/or a microwave oven. You have a lot of clothes and you do not like to eat cold food.

Try to reach a compromise.

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 25. ročník, oblastné kolo 2014/2015, kategória 2D

ROLEPLAY

TEACHER

You are a student from Australia studying in England on scholarship. You live in a dormitory with a student from Slovakia.

The school has given you 200Euros to buy some furniture and/or equipment for your room. You suggest buying a TV set because you like watching sports and soap operas.

Your roommate disagrees. He/She suggests buying a wardrobe because he/she has a lot of clothes. He/She also wants a microwave oven because he/she does not like cold food.

Try to reach a compromise.

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riešenia a zadania**

A N S W E R K E Y

Grammar - 15 points

- 1I did not/didn't have an old bicycle.
2. ...I had had breakfast ...
3. ...(his) lunch cooked by Mary.
4. ...have been eaten / ... have been eaten by somebody.

4pts

5. decided
6. while/when/because
7. by
8. thought
9. had watched / 'd watched
10. had been painted / 'd been painted
11. would be able / were able
12. will get / 'll get
13. had been done/was done
14. for
15. preferred

11pts

Vocabulary - 10points

1. peel 2. grate 3. grind 4. sift 5. beat
6. unreliable 7. dishonest 8.inexperienced 9. unhelpful 10.impatient
11. down 12.out 13.for 14. off 15.up

5pts

2.5 pts

2.5pts

Reading comprehension - 10points

- 1- C 2-A 3-B 4-F 5-E D is extra
- 6c 7a 8a 9b 10b

5pts

5pts

Listening comprehension - 5 points

- 1F 2F 3T 4T 5F

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