

UNIT 5

Complete the paragraph with the correct words.

afraid	close	dangerous	size	without
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1. My brother's hobby is diving. He goes diving in the sea near our house. When he was young he was _____ of the water, but now he likes the sea. Diving can be _____, so he never dives _____ a friend.
- Often, he sees interesting sea animals. On one dive, he got very _____ to a huge fish. It was the _____ of a small car!

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

2. We had a _____ walk in the park for an hour. Then we sat in the sun and had a picnic.
- pleasant
 - afraid
 - difficult
3. Be careful when you lift very heavy objects. You're _____, but you could still get hurt.
- pleasant
 - close
 - strong
4. There were two or three _____ questions, but most of the exam was easy.
- trouble
 - difficult
 - dangerous
5. Are you _____? Do you have your bag and your phone?
- ready
 - close
 - afraid

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6. Don't worry! I know you are nervous, but I will be _____ you the whole time.
 - a. without
 - b. close
 - c. beside
7. Our apartment isn't big, but it isn't small either. It's a(n) _____ size for two people.
 - a. wrong
 - b. average
 - c. family
8. I love these pants, but they are the _____ size. Do you have them in a bigger size?
 - a. wrong
 - b. average
 - c. shoe
9. My _____ size is a four in the U.S. I have small feet.
 - a. right
 - b. small
 - c. shoe

Complete the sentences with an adjective in the correct form. Add *-ous*. Two items are extra.

adventure	fame	luxury	mysterious
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10. They must be very rich. They went on a _____ vacation in a hotel in the Philippines.
11. Alex Honnold is _____ for climbing El Capitan in Yosemite National Park without ropes.
12. An old, _____ building was found in a cave in the mountains. Nobody knows who built it.

Read the passage.**Living on the Edge**

- A** Some people ski down mountains. Others climb huge rocks or take photos of dangerous animals. Why do people enjoy risky activities like these?

Thrill Seekers

- B** Some people take risks simply because it makes them feel good. Psychologist Marvin Zuckerman says that these people—thrill seekers—are always looking for excitement. When people do something new or risky, a chemical in the brain gives them a pleasant feeling. Thrill seekers love this feeling and want to have it as often as possible.

Goal-Driven Risk-Takers

- C** Other people don't take risks for the thrill but to achieve a goal. For example, conservationist Mike Fay went on a dangerous 3,000-kilometer expedition in Africa. He went to areas that no one had been to before because he wanted to save the wildlife there. Fay said the expedition was risky. "You could walk away," he said, "but then you'd know nothing about elephants!" Fay's trip helped create 13 new national parks.

Professional Risk-Takers

- D** For other people, such as extreme athletes, taking risks is part of their job. Sports psychologist Shane Murphy says extreme athletes see the world differently. In a dangerous activity such as skydiving, most people probably do not feel in control. Extreme athletes are different: they feel in control in dangerous situations. The danger can even help them. For example, skier Daron Rahlves says that being afraid makes him try harder to succeed.

Everyday Risk-Takers

- E** Most of us are not extreme sport athletes or explorers. However, we still take risks in our lives. Some of us take social risks. For example, we speak in front of a large group of people or talk to people we don't know at a party. Sometimes we take financial risks, such as buying a house. And sometimes we take career risks, such as leaving a job or starting a business. Most people take risks in some areas of life, but not in others. What kind of risk-taker are you?

Choose *True* or *False*.

13. Thrill seekers usually enjoy new situations.
a. True
b. False
14. Mike Fay went to Africa because he enjoys dangerous places and situations.
a. True
b. False

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15. Mike Fay's expedition succeeded in achieving its goal.
 - a. True
 - b. False
16. Dangerous situations can help professional risk-takers.
 - a. True
 - b. False
17. Everyday risk-takers are like thrill seekers because they often enjoy dangerous sports and outdoor adventures.
 - a. True
 - b. False

Read the passage.

Psy

- A** Do you enjoy stories about people who follow their dreams? People who take risks to achieve their goals? The famous singer Psy is a good example of this.
- B** Psy's real name is Park Jae-sang. He grew up in a rich neighborhood in South Korea. His father was the boss of a company that made electronics,¹ and his mother had many restaurants. Jae-sang's father wanted him to run the family company after he retired. He sent Jae-sang to Boston University in the U.S. to study business. You might think that was good for Jae-sang, but it wasn't what he wanted to do.
- C** When Jae-sang was in the U.S., he decided that he wasn't interested in working with his father. What he wanted to do was to become a singer. His parents weren't happy with this, but he quit school and bought some music equipment. He started music college to improve his skills, but he quit again and went back to South Korea to be a singer. He chose "Psy" as his stage name.
- D** Even as a singer, Psy took risks. He didn't look like other singers, and he had a new way of dancing. The words to his songs and his music style were unique,² and he wasn't afraid to make some people unhappy with his words and ideas. Even so, Koreans found something exciting about this strange, new singer. During the 2002 Seoul Soccer World Cup, his song "Champion" was a big success in the country.
- E** In 2012, an even bigger moment arrived. His song "Gangnam Style" was a massive success all over the world. That year, the song became the first music video to get more than one billion—that is 1,000,000,000!—views on YouTube. Today, it has over 4.7 billion views and is one of the most viewed videos on the website. For Jae-sang, giving up the chance of a good job in his father's company to follow a dream was the right decision.

¹**Electronics** are machines that use electricity, like phones and computers.

²If something is **unique**, there is nothing similar to it.

Choose the correct answers.

18. Choose the best alternative title for the reading passage.
 - a. The Power of Music
 - b. The Value of Education
 - c. From Dream to Success

19. What does the author NOT tell us about Psy?
 - a. why he went to business school
 - b. the name his parents gave him
 - c. if he was happy as a young child

20. What do we know about Psy from paragraph C?
 - a. He spent time at an expensive college.
 - b. He decided not to listen to his parents.
 - c. He always wanted to be a musician.

21. What risks did Psy take to be a musician?
 - a. He stopped studying and tried a different style.
 - b. He quit his job and made his parents unhappy.
 - c. He left South Korea and spent all his money.

22. What does the passage tell us about the song “Gangnam Style”?
 - a. It’s about how Psy followed his dream.
 - b. Psy wrote it for his parents.
 - c. There is a very popular video of it online.

Guess the meaning of each word in bold. Choose the correct answer.

23. He grew up in a rich **neighborhood** in South Korea.
 - a. area in a town where a person lives
 - b. school and education in general
 - c. family, including grandparents, cousins, etc.
 - d. large building where important people live

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24. His parents weren't happy with this, but he **quit** school and bought some music equipment.
- a. stopped paying for
 - b. left without finishing
 - c. achieved your goal
 - d. took money from

Complete the second sentence so that it is in the negative form.

25. I enjoy taking risks on my bike.

I _____ taking risks on my bike.

26. She is a math teacher.

She _____ a math teacher.

27. I'm happy about your decision.

_____ happy about your decision.

28. They travel to the U.S. every year.

They _____ to the U.S. every year.

29. Most people are afraid of flying.

Most people _____ afraid of flying.

30. It often rains here in winter.

It _____ here in winter.

Choose the correct adverb to complete each sentence.

31. I _____ use public transport. I prefer to ride my bike.
 - a. often
 - b. rarely
 - c. usually

32. He _____ walks to work. It is much too far.
 - a. hardly ever
 - b. sometimes
 - c. almost always

33. She _____ goes to the beach on vacation. She loves sunbathing.
 - a. never
 - b. rarely
 - c. usually

34. The restaurant is _____ busy on Tuesday evenings, so I'm sure we can get a table.
 - a. always
 - b. rarely
 - c. usually

35. Matt _____ forgets anything. He has a great memory.
 - a. never
 - b. sometimes
 - c. usually

36. They _____ visit their grandparents, but they feel bad they don't go more often.
 - a. never
 - b. almost always
 - c. occasionally

You are going to write sentences on one of the following topics.

37. **Discuss the outdoor activities you enjoy.**
Topic 1: What outdoor sports and exercise do you enjoy?
Topic 2: What outdoor activities and hobbies do you enjoy?

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A. OUTLINE Plan an outline for your sentences.

Say the sports or activities you do, and why you do them.

Give details, such as where and when you do them, and who with.

Say what risks you take with your sports or activities, and anything you never do because it is too risky.

B. Think of some words and phrases you can use in your sentences. Write them in the box.

The words and phrases below can be useful when writing about sports and activities.

- *I enjoy playing/going/doing ...*
- *I always/usually/sometimes do it on ...*
- *I also ... with my father/mother and sister/brother.*
- *... can be dangerous/difficult.*
- *You need to be strong/adventurous to ...*
- *I never / hardly ever ...*

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- C. Write your sentences based on your outline. Use the model to help you. Remember to use the vocabulary you wrote down.**

Model:

I enjoy playing tennis with my friends.

I love tennis. It isn't very difficult for me.

There are tennis courts close to my home.

I almost always play it after school with my mother or with my friend Sheela.

My brother likes to go walking in the mountains, but I never go with him.

People can sometimes get into trouble in the mountains, and I'm not adventurous.



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