

Unit 01: Discovery

1 Language: Extreme sports

You are going to read a text about extreme sports. Some words are missing from the text. Use the word in brackets to form a word that fits in the gaps (1–9). Write your answers in the spaces provided at the end of the text. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Extreme sports

Nowadays there seem to be more and more people who strive to achieve the extraordinary because they need to feel the adrenaline rushing through their body. That’s why a growing number of people are turning to extreme sports, which is a clear (0) ... **(indicate)** of what people are seeking today: adventure and change.

New extreme sports keep emerging all the time and adrenaline junkies can choose from a wide (1) ... **(vary)** of activities. With the increasing number of people turning to extreme sports, the accidents happening in sports are (2) ... **(tragic)** rising as well. However, such accidents are not very likely to put off adventure (3) ... **(seek)**.

People’s lives have become so busy that for many of them free time has become extremely precious. And when they have some time off, they want a complete break from their (4) ... **(day)** routine, not just a few relaxing hours at home on the couch. It’s all about totally (5) ... **(get)** your mind off the office.

The question is: What counts as extreme? While some people are convinced that extreme has got something to do with a certain risk of death, the more modern view of it is that it is about sports and (6) ... **(active)** that people deeply enjoy and that are (7) ... **(thrill)**. Such activities test both self-reliance and confidence, especially when competing against each other. (8) ... **(compete)** who turn to extreme sports feel urged to go past their own limits and also past those (9) ... **(restrict)** that other people put on them.

0	<i>indication</i>	5	_____
1	_____	6	_____
2	_____	7	_____
3	_____	8	_____
4	_____	9	_____

Language: Extraterrestrial life

Complete the text with the words from the list. There are two extra words that you should not use.

belonging	blessed	comes	existing	going	have
include	know	prove	refer	search	talk

Extraterrestrial life

The word “extraterrestrial” _____ from the Latin words “extra”, which means “not of”, and “terrestris”, which is “_____ to earth”. Everything that does not _____ its roots on earth is therefore considered extraterrestrial life.

The various forms of extraterrestrial life _____ bacteria-like organisms as well as human-like beings that are thought to be more sophisticated and advanced than we are. So far we are not in the position to _____ whether such forms of life exist. Scientists, for example, _____ for evidence of unicellular life _____ within the Solar System.

Regular people most commonly _____ about aliens and the appearance of UFOs when they _____ to extraterrestrial life. There are, in fact, a lot of people who believe that the Earth can, by no means, be the only planet _____ with life.

Key

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0	<i>indication</i>	5	<i>getting</i>
1	<i>variety</i>	6	<i>activities</i>
2	<i>tragically</i>	7	<i>thrilling</i>
3	<i>seekers</i>	8	<i>competitors</i>
4	<i>daily</i>	9	<i>restrictions</i>

exercise 2, Extraterrestrial life

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Not used: going, know