



A 5-year-old Bungee Jumper

Elementary Instant Lesson™

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Discussion

Look at the picture. What is the person doing?

Work with a partner and answer the questions below.

1. Have you ever been bungee jumping? If you have, tell your partner about it.
2. Is bungee jumping popular in your country?



B: Ideas

Here are some words from today's article. Work with a partner.

What will today's article be about? (You can use your dictionary.)

a 5-year-old, bungee jumping, banned, dangerous, father, world record

Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary

Here are some verbs taken from today's article. Match the words with their meanings.

to discover	to find or learn something for the first time
to ban	to give people information in the newspapers, on television or the radio about jobs, things to buy or something they can go to
to receive	to finish doing something
to complete	to get something that someone has given to you
to advertise	to say that something must stop or must not happen

B: Gap fill

Read today's article and fill in the gaps with the correct verbs from the list below.

discovered, has banned, received, has completed, advertised

Five-Year-Old Banned From Bungee Jumping

PARIS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17 (REUTERS) - A French agency (1)_____ a 5-year-old boy from bungee jumping. Mike Traut from Grenoble (2)_____ already _____ 30 jumps.

A local child protection agency (3)_____ the boy's liking for bungee jumping after his father (4)_____ for sponsors to support a jump that could have put the boy in the record

books, French daily Liberation reported on Friday.

The boy's father, who holds a world record in bungee jumping, (5)_____ a letter warning him that he might have to pay a big fine and spend two years in prison if he allowed children under 16 to compete in such dangerous sports.

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Vocabulary List:

agency - a government office

sponsor (n) - an organization or a person who pays for some of the expenses of an event in order to get publicity for themselves

warning - telling somebody about something bad that may happen

fine (n) - money you have to pay when you have done something wrong

prison - a place where people must stay when they have done something that is wrong

C: Language

Look at the verbs from Reading Activity B. Work in pairs. Why did the writer choose these verb forms?

1. discovered
2. has banned
3. received
4. has completed
5. advertised

D: Questions

Read the article again and answer the questions below.

1. How old is Mike Traut?
2. What does he like doing?
3. How many jumps has he completed?
4. Who received the letter?
5. What did the letter say?

Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Discussion

Work in small groups and discuss the questions below.

1. Do you think Mike Traut should be allowed to bungee jump?
2. Why do you think the child protection agency wants to stop him?
3. Why do you think Mike Traut's father allows him to bungee jump?

B: Writing

Write what you think about today's article. Choose the beginning of one sentence and complete it with your own ideas.

I think that Mike Traut should be allowed to bungee jump because.....

I don't think that Mike Traut should be allowed to bungee jump because.....

C: Listening

You are going to listen to your teacher read out 5 sentences. Listen and write the sentences down.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary - Answers

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B: Gap fill - Notes

Before students begin you could look at the word 'sponsor' with them. Talk about what happens when someone tries to set a world record and ask how they normally get the money or support to do this.

You may wish to point out the position of the adverb 'already' with the present perfect form.

B: Gap fill - Answers

1. has banned
2. has already completed
3. discovered
4. advertised
5. received

C: Language - Notes

Here the students only have to recognize the verb form and the reason why it is used. If you think students may require a lot of help from you to complete the activity you could get them to identify the forms in pairs (name the different verb forms) and then talk as a class about why these verb forms are used.

C: Language - Answers

1. discovered: Past simple. A single completed action in the past.
2. has banned: Present perfect simple. A recent action with a result in the present.
3. received: Past simple. A single completed action in the past.
4. has completed. Present perfect simple. This is what the boy has done before now. An experience at an unspecified time in the past.
5. advertised: Past simple. A single completed action in the past.

D: Questions - Answers

1. 5 years old
2. bungee jumping
3. 30 jumps
4. Mike Traut's father
5. Mike Traut's father isn't allowed to let his son bungee jump. If he does he may be fined and could spend two years in prison.

Post-Reading Activities

C: Listening - (To be read aloud to students)

1. The five-year-old boy likes bungee jumping.
2. His father also likes bungee jumping.
3. A French agency has banned the boy from bungee jumping.
4. His father received a letter.
5. The agency says it is too dangerous.