



ADVENTURE

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'adventure'?
Adventure is....
2. Do you like adventure?
Yes, I do... / No, I don't....
3. What adventures would you like to go on in the future?
I'd like to try....
4. Are you an adventurous person?
Yes, I am... / No, I'm not....
5. Is adventure important in your life? Why? / Why not?
Yes, it is... / No, it isn't....

Extended Questions

1. What was your most unforgettable childhood adventure?

I think it's....

2. Who are more adventurous, men or women?

I think.....are more adventurous....

3. In what way is learning English an adventure for you?

Learning English is an adventure.....

4. Who would you like to have a big adventure with?

I'd like to have a big adventure with...

5. What's the biggest adventure you've had in your life?

The biggest adventure I've had.....

VOCABULARY

1. Escapade /'es·kə·peɪd/

(noun) an act or incident involving excitement, daring, or adventure

Ex.: After an escapade in England, they moved to Scotland.

2. Adventurous /əd'ven·tʃər·əs/

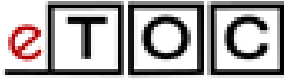
(adjective) willing to try new, unusual, and exciting things

Ex.: Learning English is pretty adventurous.

3. Explorer /ɪk'splɔr·ər/

(Noun) a person who travels to places where no one has ever been to learn about them

Ex.: The American explorer discovered a lot of things in the Pacific.



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4. Travail /tre'veɪl/

(noun) an unpleasant experience or situation, especially one that involves a lot of hard work or effort

Ex.: I am disappointed the recent travails of the airline industry.

5. Voyager /'vɔɪ.ɪ.dʒə-/

(noun) a person who goes on a long and sometimes dangerous journey

Ex.: Those voyagers who first ventured into space certainly showed courage

6. Circumnavigate /,sɜr-kəm'næv.ɪ,geɪt/

(verb) to travel all the way around something, esp. the earth

Ex.: The explorer wanted to be the first man to circumnavigate the world.

7. Snorkelling /'snɔ:r.kəl.ɪŋ/

(noun) the activity of swimming while using a snorkel

Ex.: We went snorkelling along the Great Barrier Reef.

8. Breathtaking /'breθ,teɪ-kɪŋ/

(adjective) extremely good, beautiful, or exciting

Ex.: This is breathtaking scenery.

9. Paragliding /'per.ə,glɑɪ.dɪŋ/

(noun) the sport of jumping out of an aircraft with a special parachute that allows you to travel a long horizontal distance before you land

Ex.: Mount Alyeska is a good place to go paragliding.

10. Raft /ræft/

(noun) a flat, floating structure made of pieces of wood tied together, often attached to the bottom of a river or lake for use when swimming

Ex.: The boys built a raft.

Useful Expressions

1. **nothing ventured, nothing gained - You can't benefit from something if you don't try it first**

Ex.: I think I'll audition for a part in that play. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

2. **Itchy feet - A person who has *itchy feet* is someone who finds it difficult to stay in one place and likes to travel and discover new places.**

Ex.: Andrew's got itchy feet again. He says he's going to teach in China for a few years.

3. **Mile a minute - At a fast pace**

Ex.: As soon as the referee blew the whistle, the cyclists raced with mile a minute to win the race.

4. **YOLO - you only live once**

Ex.: You have to try adventure because you only live once.

5. **carpe diem - "Seize the day" the enjoyment of the pleasures of the moment without concern for the future**

Ex.: Carpe diem; you never know what tomorrow will bring.

Exercise

THE ARTICLE

Daredevil Steve Fossett's attempt earlier today to become the first person to fly solo around the world in a single engine airplane without refueling has been delayed by wind. The 60-year old millionaire was due to depart after breakfast from Salina Airport in Kansas. He was to embark on a dangerous mission to circle the globe at an altitude of 16,000 metres, almost twice as high as an average commercial airliner. His Global Flyer airplane is sponsored by that other thrill seeker, Sir Richard Branson of Virgin Atlantic. There are many dangers involved with Fossett's mission, perhaps the biggest being the possibility of his jet fuel freezing at such low temperatures. Another may be fatigue – he has to stay awake and make life-or-death decisions for 66 hours on the 37,000-kilometre journey. He has been helped in his quest by China and Libya opening their air space to allow him to fly the most direct, and least fuel-consuming route. He is no stranger to danger or world-beating achievements. He has a passion for breaking aviation records, most famously his nonstop circling of the globe in a hot air balloon in 2002.

Guess whether the following statements about the article are true or false:

- a. Someone is going to fly around the world alone.
- b. No one has ever flown nonstop around the world in a single engine airplane.
- c. The pilot, Steve Fossett, will need to refuel three times.
- d. He will fly at a height three times greater than a commercial passenger jet.
- e. His journey is relatively risk free.