

## SPORTS

Extreme sports such as sky diving and skiing are very dangerous and should be banned. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this view?

Recent years have witnessed the proliferation of extreme sports such as sky diving and base jumping as a form of recreational ~~activities~~ activity among youngsters. While it is often suggested that these dangerous sports should be prohibited for ~~its~~ their potentially deleterious effects on players, I personally object to that idea because of the indisputable benefits these sports offer.

Comment [G1]: Great introduction!

On the one hand, opponents of adventure sports come up with numerous reasons why these sports should be banned. First, since the inherently dangerous nature of extreme sports is life-threatening and traumatic, participants are bound to encounter serious injuries such as bone fractures, head trauma and even fatal ~~ities~~ situations. For example, indulging in skiing down a slope at great speed or jumping off a cliff could cost ~~players' invaluable lives~~ could cost someone their life in case of a slightest carelessness or equipment malfunction. Furthermore, if extreme sports athletes suffer from permanent physical handicaps, they will become burdens for their families and society because extra medical welfare shall be allocated for them. A reported heart-wrenching story of a father who lost his legs in a car race, leaving all financial burdens and responsibilities on the mother ~~can be~~ is a salient example for why these sports should be banned.

Comment [G2]: Good clear topic sentence and you develop that one main idea for the entire paragraph – well done!

Notwithstanding the aforementioned arguments, I concur that adventure sports ~~should be welcomed more~~ are to be embraced. It has been scientifically proven that engaging in any dangerous sports ~~could~~ can bolster participants' personal ~~lives~~ happiness and ~~mentality~~ mental well-being. In fact, ~~when~~ by overcoming nerve-racking moments and conquering their own fears, players ~~could~~ can feel a sense of achievement and satisfaction, which ~~adds to their personal experience and~~ boosts their courage and self-esteem. For instance, a rock climber who ~~has~~ conquered Everest might mark that as ~~his~~ the most significant milestone and take pride in this accomplishment for his whole life. Another salient point to clarify my view is that it is a human right to freely partake in any recreational activities. If a person is willing to risk his life for an extreme sport to satisfy his desire, the endeavor of prohibiting those sports from governments will be ~~merely~~ in vain since he would likely secretly ~~play~~ engage in it elsewhere.

Comment [G3]: Swap around to make it: a salient example that supports banning these sports is...

Comment [G4]: Salient is a great word but don't use it in both paragraphs – try noteworthy

Comment [G5]: Can't fully develop this second main idea, so why have it at all?

To conclude, though the prohibition of adventure sports does appear plausible to some extent, I would argue that participation in these sports offers far more **enormous** benefits and thus, should be encouraged. As long as players are **fullywell**-equipped, well-trained and mentally prepared for **the** challenges of these risky sports, they can live their dreams and enjoy them to the fullest.

**Comment [G6]:** Perfect conclusion – how long is it taking you to write these? They are a little long...

Task achievement: 8

Lots of good support for both of your main ideas and a clear overall opinion. Your support was more concrete, specific and for one paragraph you focused on one main idea – well done!

Cohesion/coherence 8

Clear throughout and good referencing, ellipsis and paragraphing. You might want to look into theme/rheme which is the principle that in English writing is clearer if you put the topic/old information at the beginning of a sentence and what you want to say about it in the second part of the sentence (as in the last sentence of paragraph 2). Otherwise great!

Vocabulary 7

Great vocabulary throughout – good enough for band 8 but a few too many mistakes and poor word choice bring this down to a 7 this time.

Grammar 7

Complex sentences great as usual but mistakes in almost every sentence and some simple ones with modal and articles bring this down to a 7.