

Bungee Jumping

Definition

Bungee jumping is the sport of leaping from a high structure while attached to a stretchy cord. The cord is called a bungee: it is attached to the person's ankles at one end and the structure they're jumping off at the other. The bungee is just long enough to allow the jumper to spring back just above the ground without touching it. The cord springs the jumper back up into the air several times – making them look like a human yo-yo! When it does finally stop, the jumper then has to wait to be lowered safely to the ground.

Famous Jump Sites

Bungee jumps are performed from sites all over the world, including from cranes, bridges, dams and even hot-air balloons. The Verzasca Dam in Switzerland is one of the highest permanent jumping sites in the world, with jumpers plunging approximately 220m.

The Kawarau Bridge jump in New Zealand is only 43m high, but thousands of people flock to this jumping site since this is where commercial bungee jumping first began. Tandem jumps take place here too; couples can plunge together towards the turquoise river below.

One of the world's most famous jumps is from the Victoria Falls Bridge in Zambia. Not only is there the thrill of jumping, but with the largest waterfalls on Earth behind and the Zambezi River below, it is a truly spectacular experience.

Risks

Bungee jumping is considered to be a dangerous sport by some people, and there have been fatalities. Most injuries occur when the bungee isn't attached to the jump platform or the jumper properly. However, it's quite rare for things to go wrong, and most jumpers say the experience is thrilling, with many admitting they would do it again!



1. What is a bungee attached to? Mention **two** things.

1).....

2).....

1 mark

2. Why do so many people choose to bungee jump off the Kawarau Bridge in New Zealand?

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1 mark

3. Circle the correct option.
The Victoria Falls Bridge is in:

Zambezi.

Switzerland.

Zambia.

New Zealand.

1 mark

4. **Find** and **copy** two words from the fourth paragraph that suggest that bungee jumping from the Victoria Falls bridge is an exciting experience.

1).....

2).....

1 mark

5. Read each statement and **tick** whether it is fact or opinion.

	Fact	Opinion
People bungee jump from cranes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Verzasca Dam is one of the highest permanent jumping sites in the world.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bungee jumping is thrilling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

_____ 1 mark

6. Write down how a person might feel when they are about to do a bungee jump. Give reasons from the text to support your answer.

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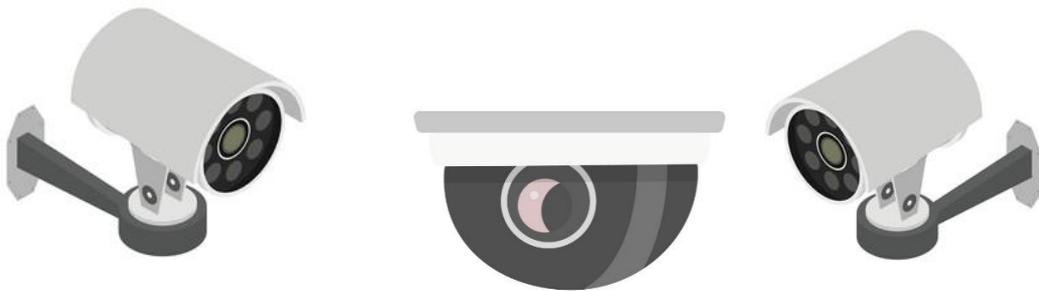
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_____ 3 marks



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Answers to be revealed on the next page!

Test 3 – Pages 8-10

1. **(1 mark for both correct)**
 - 1) the person's ankles
 - 2) the structure they're jumping off (2b)
2. **(1 mark)**

Because this is where commercial bungee jumping first began. (2b)
3. **(1 mark)** Zambia. (2b)

4. **(1 mark for both correct)**

1) thrill

2) spectacular

(2g)

5. **(1 mark for all correct)**

People bungee jump from cranes.

— Fact

The Verzasca Dam is one of the highest permanent jumping sites in the world. —

Fact

Bungee jumping is thrilling. — Opinion (2d)

6. **(1 mark for suggesting feelings with one piece of supporting evidence)**

e.g. "They might feel nervous because bungee jumping is a 'dangerous' sport."

(2d)

(2 marks for suggesting feelings with two pieces of supporting evidence)

e.g. "They might feel nervous because bungee jumping is a 'dangerous' sport, and people have died when jumping." (2d)

(3 marks for suggesting feelings with three pieces of supporting evidence)

e.g. "They might feel nervous because bungee jumping is a 'dangerous' sport, and people have died when jumping. However, they might also feel excited because it's a 'thrilling' experience." (2d)