



Adrian is reading a magazine article about skydiving.

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Know More About Skydiving

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Skydiving is an adventurous sport. Many people try it for fun and excitement because it is one of the closest experiences to flying. At the same time, this activity is the first thing on many people's bucket lists because it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Let's learn about the two kinds of skydiving.

The traditional skydiving is basically leaping from a flying aeroplane. The plane first flies to several thousand feet above the ground and then the skydiver jumps off. Next the skydiver can experience free fall for a few minutes before pulling a ripcord which lets out a parachute that slows down the fall. If the first parachute does not work, there is a second one called the 'back-up'.

Base jumping is a little more dangerous because only one parachute can be used and the time of free fall is short. A base jumper jumps off a high place like a bridge, the top of a building or a cliff. The world record of the highest base jumping is about 7,700 metres.

Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.



1. The magazine article is mainly about _____.

- A. how popular skydiving is
- B. the two kinds of skydiving
- C. the risks of skydiving
- D. the reasons to go skydiving

2. Adrian is reading a magazine about _____.

- A. fitness and beauty
- B. games and sports
- C. travelling
- D. high-tech gadgets



Think about the nature of skydiving.

3. Which is **TRUE** about the magazine article?

- A. People go skydiving once a year.
- B. Before skydivers land, they pull the ripcords.
- C. Traditional skydiving is as dangerous as base jumping.
- D. Traditional skydiving can be done on a bridge.

Complete the table below.

	Traditional skydiving	Base jumping
Time of free fall	(a) _____	short
No. of parachutes	(b) _____	(c) _____