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# EXTREME SPORTS



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## Living close to the edge

Extreme sports are all about seeking thrills, taking risks, and staying alive. Many of them are played in dangerous places. Steep skiers and snowboarders seek out the highest mountain slopes. Base jumpers, hang gliders, and sky surfers pitch themselves into thin air. Whitewater rafters look for the fastest, roughest routes downriver.



Some extreme sports are a showcase for great tricks. Inline skaters and skateboarders learned their skills on city sidewalks – now huge audiences watch their gravity-defying stunts.



Extreme sports competitors need top-of-the-line equipment – wheels, skis, parachutes, rafts, and engine power. Then they use gravity, muscle, wind, and sheer nerve to go faster, jump higher, or fall farther.

The stories that follow are about five exciting sports. Each story describes a contest or a place where extreme sports enthusiasts test their skills to the limit.



# Whitewater rafting

The red truck rattled to a halt and six eager rafters tumbled out onto the track. Below them, the Río Futaleufú (Fu-ta-lay-oo-FOO) wound like a long turquoise snake through the snow-topped mountains of Chile.

As the River Raiders unloaded their raft, everyone talked about the race.

“Futaleufú means Big River,” said Dan. “After we reach Inferno Canyon, it’s class-five rapids all the way.”

“Wait till we hit the Terminator,” said Rob. “That rapid goes on forever.”

## Numbering of rapids

Rapids are numbered to show how fast and difficult they are. Class-five rapids are for experts only – spectacular and dangerous.








Are you ready for the  
ultimate book on daredevil sports?

Whether it's steep skiing or freestyle motocross—  
this book takes readers to the limit!

### DK READERS

Stunning photographs combine  
with lively illustrations and engaging,  
age-appropriate stories in DK READERS, a multilevel  
reading program guaranteed to capture children's interest  
while developing their reading skills and general knowledge.

	<b>Learning to read</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High-frequency words</li> <li>● Picture word strips</li> <li>● Labels to introduce and reinforce vocabulary</li> </ul>
	<b>Beginning to read</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Word repetition, limited vocabulary, and simple sentences</li> <li>● Picture dictionary boxes</li> </ul>
	<b>Beginning to read alone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Longer sentences and increased vocabulary</li> <li>● Information boxes full of extra fun facts</li> <li>● Simple index</li> </ul>
	<b>Reading alone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More complex sentence structure</li> <li>● Information boxes and alphabetical glossary</li> <li>● Comprehensive index</li> </ul>
	<b>Proficient readers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rich vocabulary and challenging sentence structure</li> <li>● Additional information and alphabetical glossary</li> <li>● Comprehensive index</li> </ul>

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