

A WHAT A STORY!

Descriptive verbs

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- The hurricane *demolished / fled / raged* everything in its path.
- The prisoner *struck / smashed / dived* under the water to avoid the bullets.
- The family *smashed / fled / struck* from their burning home.
- As she started to fall, I managed to *grab / rage / scream* her by the arm.
- The fire *demolished / raged / dived* through the trees.
- The people *screamed / grabbed / demolished* in terror as the wave came toward them.
- The robbers *smashed / flew / screamed* a window to break into the bank.
- The car was *grabbed / dived / struck* by the falling tree.

Phrasal verbs

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list.

end | figure | stand | clean
 look | break | give | keep

- I need to _____ up my room. It's really messy.
- He studied medicine in college, so I'm not sure how he _____ up as an accountant.
- Can you believe it? Our car _____ down five kilometers from home.
- I know I should _____ up eating so much chocolate, but it's too difficult.
- They _____ on having their picnic even though it started to rain.
- When I have a problem, my mom always helps me _____ it out.
- I'm really _____ forward to summer break. I need some rest.
- Bill really _____ out in the picture because of his crazy shirt.

Elements of a story

1 Match the words with the definitions.

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| 1 hero | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 plot | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 dialogue | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 characters | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 ending | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 opening | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 villain | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 setting | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- the people in the story
- a bad man or woman
- how the story starts
- how the story finishes
- the man or woman in the story we identify with
- the place where the story happens
- what the people in the story say
- the storyline

2 Complete the text with the missing words.

So, what do you need to write a successful story? Well to start with, you need a good ¹ _____ – without a great storyline you've got no chance. Of course, any good story needs a selection of different ² _____, a ³ _____ for the reader to identify with and a ⁴ _____ to hate. And to help bring all these people to life, you'll need to have good ⁵ _____ between them. What they say and how they say it is so important. Then you'll need a ⁶ _____ for your story. Where and when does the action happen? Is it the modern day, in the past, or even in the future?

So now that you've got all that, it's time to start writing. The ⁷ _____ is essential. You'll need to get your reader's attention from the very beginning. And once you have their attention, hopefully they'll read the whole story, so you'll need to give them a good ⁸ _____, too, to make sure they won't feel they've wasted their time.

And that's all you need. That and a lot of luck.

GRAMMAR

Verbs followed by infinitive or gerund **SB page 14**

1 ★★ Write the verbs in the correct columns according to what they are followed by (infinitive or gerund).

keep | suggest | manage | promise | ask
 decide | detest | don't mind | miss | want
 can't stand | enjoy | offer | choose

infinitive	gerund
	keep

2 ★★ Circle the correct form of the verbs to complete the mini-dialogues.

- JANE Did Simon manage to *finish / finishing* his essay last night?
 HARRY Yes, so he promised *coming / to come* climbing with us this weekend.
 JANE Great! My dad offered to *give / giving* us a ride to the climbing gym.
- KATE I suggested to *take / taking* a picnic basket, but they don't want to *carry / carrying* it.
 SAM I don't mind to *carry / carrying* it.
- ELIF Now that I live in the city, I miss to *go / going* for long walks in the country.
 JO Really? I can't stand to *walk / walking* in the country.
- ANNA You're very good at the violin!
 ZOE No, I'm not. I really enjoy to *play / playing*, and I keep to *practice / practicing*, but I'm not improving.
 ANNA Ask Tom to *help / helping* you. He's a great musician.
- ENRIQUE We have to walk to the library. My dad won't drive us.
 LOLA Really? Usually your dad doesn't mind to *drive / driving*!

3 ★★ Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.



I enjoy ¹ _____ (climb) mountains, so last year I decided ² _____ (climb) Flattop Mountain in Colorado with a friend. We planned ³ _____ (fly) there in August, and we arranged ⁴ _____ (stay) with a friend in Denver for a few days. We started our climb at 6 a.m., and we hoped ⁵ _____ (get back) down the mountain by 2 p.m. The weather was good, so we managed ⁶ _____ (reach) the summit in three hours. We never imagined ⁷ _____ (see) such a beautiful view from the summit. The next day we felt like ⁸ _____ (climb) the mountain again.

4 ★★★ Find five mistakes in the dialogue and correct them.

- KATE I can't believe it. I managed climbing Devil's Rock this weekend.
 MATEO Really?
 KATE I've watched you climb it a couple of times, but I never imagined to climb it myself. I'm hoping doing more climbing next weekend. I learned descending the rock face using the rope. That was scary! What did you do over the weekend?
 MATEO I wanted coming climbing with you and the others, but I had some homework to do.

5 ★★★ Complete the sentences so that they are true for you.

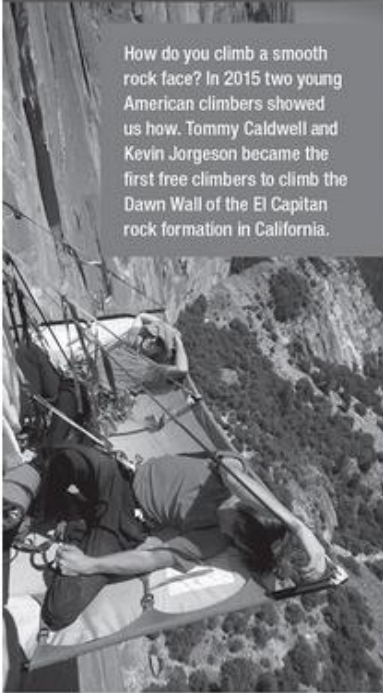
- I enjoy _____
- I started _____
- I don't mind _____
- I hate _____
- I refuse _____
- I love _____

READING

1 Which body parts need to be very strong to free climb?

2 What is the importance of these numbers: 914, 19, and 27?

A Story of Teamwork and Perseverance



How do you climb a smooth rock face? In 2015 two young American climbers showed us how. Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson became the first free climbers to climb the Dawn Wall of the El Capitan rock formation in California.

Free climbers don't use ropes when they climb. They only use their hands and feet. However, they do have ropes to hold them if they fall.

El Capitan is 914 meters high. That's almost 100 meters higher than the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa tower in Dubai, which is 163 floors high. The climb took Caldwell and Jorgeson 19 days. They ate, drank, and slept in small tents hanging from the rock face. They even read books there! They brewed coffee on special hanging stoves. Every few days, a friend on the ground climbed up on a rope and brought them new supplies of food and water.

So how do you climb a smooth rock face? A lot of the work is done by the fingertips. The climbers needed to stop and rest some days so that their fingertips could heal. To make their cuts heal quicker, they used superglue and tape.

Unlike expeditions of a hundred years ago, people around the world could watch every moment of this climb as it happened. During their breaks, the climbers updated their social media accounts and spoke to journalists on the phone. A photographer and good friend, also hanging off the wall, captured every

move on film and uploaded the photos on Instagram for people all around the world to see. "Inspirational" – "What a remarkable achievement! I'm awed." – "Awesome! Amazing! And a true friendship!" – "What bravery and courage!" These are just some of the comments from people following the amazing climb.

They chose to climb in the middle of winter, sometimes even climbing at night. Why was that? Well, fingertips sweat less in cooler temperatures, and the rubber on shoes can grip better. They began their climb on the 27th of December 2014, and they planned to live on the wall until they reached the top. They promised not to return to the ground during their climb.

Caldwell was the stronger and more experienced climber, and he was always ahead of Jorgeson. For ten days, Jorgeson continued to fall during his daily climbs. He knew that he was delaying his friend. But this climb was about teamwork and friendship. "More than anything, I want to get to the top together," said Caldwell on day 13. He couldn't imagine finishing without his friend. Finally on day 19, the two climbers made it to the top.

3 Read the article again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Caldwell and Jorgeson were the first free climbers to manage to climb the wall.
- 2 El Capitan is in a national park in New Mexico.
- 3 El Capitan is a few meters shorter than the world's tallest building.
- 4 People all around the world were able to see pictures of the climb on social media.
- 5 The climbers' shoes grip better in warmer temperatures.
- 6 They started to climb the Dawn Wall in January 2015.