

Outdoors



Hi! Welcome to Top Secret Mission 3. Which outdoor activity do I want to try? Good luck!

Discover Words

▶ outdoor activities

1 Label the pictures. Then listen, check and repeat.

skateboarding mountain biking hiking
bungee jumping skydiving ice climbing
hang-gliding sailing skiing canoeing



skateboarding







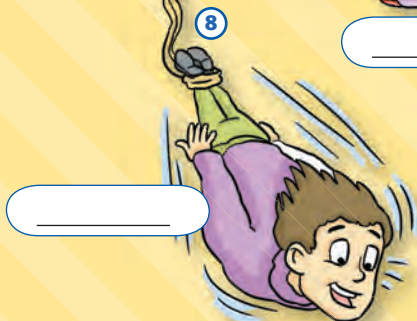












2 Match the adjectives with the sports. Tell your partner.

difficult / easy dangerous / safe
fast / slow exciting / boring

Top Secret Mission




1 Use the green code.

Skiing is not popular in Peru.

2 Write the secret letters.

1 2

Reading

1  Listen and read. Where are the children? What is the monster?

Daisy Brrr. It's cold. This is a bad idea.

Finn No, it isn't. The wood is behind the garden. When we hear the monster, we can take a photo with this infrared camera. It's better than the spy camera and the X-ray glasses. It's the best gadget in my spy kit!

Daisy Humph! It may be the best spy gadget in your kit.

Charlie Wow! It's cool!

Nina Yes, it's great. And camping is fun, Daisy.

Daisy No, it isn't. Camping is boring and uncomfortable. And it's starting to rain.

Charlie Rain! Oh no! My new mountain bike. Hey! I can bring it inside.

Daisy You're joking, Charlie. It's too big.

Charlie But Nina has got her skateboard.

Nina It's smaller than your bike.

Charlie But my bike is more expensive than your skateboard, and I don't want it to get wet.

Finn Hold on, Charlie! There's something outside.

Charlie Where?

Finn Over there. Near the tree.

Nina Maybe it's a cat.

Finn No, it's bigger than a cat, and it's slower.

Daisy It's noisier than a cat, too! I'm scared, Finn. What is it?

Finn Calm down, Daisy. I know that voice. It's my brother Elliot!

Elliot I'm funnier than the monster and cleverer, too. Look! I've got the answer to your mystery.

Mystery Animal Found

Lara Blaine solved the Brecon Wood mystery yesterday, when she found her pet dog, Snowy ...



2 Finn, Daisy, Nina or Charlie?

- 1 **Daisy** isn't happy.
- 2 _____ has got a new camera.
- 3 _____ thinks camping is boring.
- 4 _____'s skateboard is inside the tent.
- 5 _____'s mountain bike is outside.
- 6 _____ sees something in the garden.
- 7 _____'s brother solves the mystery.

Talking Tips

3  Listen, repeat and match.

Hold on!

Calm down.



Discover Grammar



comparatives and superlatives

The mountain bike is	bigger than more expensive than better than	the skateboard.
The spy camera is	the best the most exciting the worst	gadget in the spy kit.

4 Complete the table.

	comparative	superlative
1 big	<i>bigger</i>	<i>the biggest</i>
2 high		
3	cleverer	
4		the longest
5 young		
6	safer	
7 easy		
8		the funniest
9 dangerous		
10	more exciting	
11	better	
12	worse	

Speaking

5 Compare these outdoor activities. Use comparatives and superlatives from Exercise 4.

bungee jumping skydiving
mountain biking skateboarding canoeing

Mountain biking is more exciting than skateboarding.

Listening

6 Listen and choose.

Quick Quiz

- How fast can the fastest mountain bike go?
A 50 kph B 100 kph
C 200 kph
- How high was the world's highest bungee jump?
A 90 metres B 300 metres
C 900 metres
- How long was the longest jump on a skateboard?
A 12 metres B 30 metres C 20 metres
- How many people were in the world's biggest skydive?
A 40 B 400 C 1400
- Where was the most dangerous bike jump in the world?
A off a 1000 metre cliff B across the Niagara Falls
C over the Golden Gate Bridge



Writing

7 Write eight sentences comparing the bikes. Use comparatives and superlatives and the adjectives.

fast slow big small cheap expensive





I love sports and adventures. Check out these kids. They're amazing!

Reading

1 Listen and read the interview.

Where did Adam sail?

How long did the journey take?



Atlantic Adventure

Fourteen-year-old Adam Wilkie is the youngest person to sail the Atlantic Ocean. He sailed 5,633km from Spain to Antigua! We talked to him about his experience.

Was it dangerous?

Yes, it was. Sometimes the waves were nine metres high – as big as a house! But my dad was in a boat behind me so I wasn't scared. I was less worried about the danger than my dad.

Where did you sleep?

I had a bed on the boat. It was less comfortable than my bed at home, and I only slept for four hours a night. I was tired all the time!

What did you eat?

Tinned food. It wasn't as good as my mum's cooking! It tasted awful. Mealtimes were the worst experience!

Was it exciting?

Yes, it was. It was an incredible journey! I saw lots of different wildlife – dolphins, sharks, whales and flying fish!

Were you ever bored?

Sometimes. One day my radio didn't work so I didn't talk to my dad. Then my iPod broke. That was the least interesting day. I felt very lonely.

What was the best experience?

I had lots of good experiences, but the best experience was when I arrived in Antigua, after forty-seven days at sea. Twenty boats came to welcome me!

2 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Adam's dad was sailing too so Adam wasn't *scared*.
- 2 He was often tired because his bed _____.
- 3 He hated tinned food because it tasted _____.
- 4 On his journey he saw different _____.
- 5 When his radio didn't work he felt _____.
- 6 He enjoyed Antigua because lots of boats _____.



Discover Words



▶ **-ed and -ing adjectives**
 The film was **frightening**.
 I was **frightened**.

3 Look at the pictures below and circle the correct answer.



- The fish is frightened / frightening.
- The bird is bored / boring.
- Surfing is excited / exciting.
- The girl is interested / interesting.
- The dolphin is amazed / amazing.
- The boy feels worried / worrying.

Discover Grammar



(not) as ... as, less, least

The waves were **as big as** a house.
 The food wasn't **as good as** my mum's.
 I was **less worried than** my dad.
 That was **the least interesting** day.

4 Complete the sentences using *(not) as ... as, less or least*.

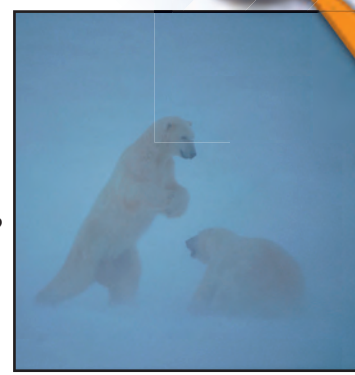
- Dolphins and whales **are not as exciting as** sharks. (not / exciting)
- A dolphin _____ a shark. (big)
- Dolphins and whales _____ sharks. (frightening)
- A whale _____ a dolphin. (not / small)
- A whale _____ a dolphin. (intelligent)
- A shark _____ of them all. (intelligent)

Listening

5 Listen to the first part of an interview.
 1 How old is Lindsay Tate?
 2 What amazing thing did she do?

6 Listen to the next part. True or false?

- The Arctic is the coldest place on Earth. **T**
- Lindsay saw some frightening animals.
- Skiing is as exciting as ice climbing.
- The least interesting day was in the tent.
- Hiking is easier than camping.



Speaking

7 Look at the table, then compare the sports. Use *(not) as ... as, less, least, comparatives or superlatives*.

	expensive	difficult	dangerous
Sailing	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓
Hang-gliding	✓✓	✓	✓✓
Ice climbing	✓	✓✓	✓✓✓

Writing

8 Write four sentences comparing sailing, hang-gliding and ice climbing. Use these adjectives.

expensive cheap difficult easy
 dangerous safe

Top Secret Mission



1 Use the purple code.
Vera and Ivan don't like November in Greece.

2 Write the secret letters.

3 4 5 6



Ra Let's look by the river. The pharaoh was walking by the river when he lost the amulet.

Max Wow! Look! He's hang-gliding. I want to try it.

Ra Hold on, Max, that bird isn't strong enough to carry you.

Holly Come on, Max. We should look for the amulet.

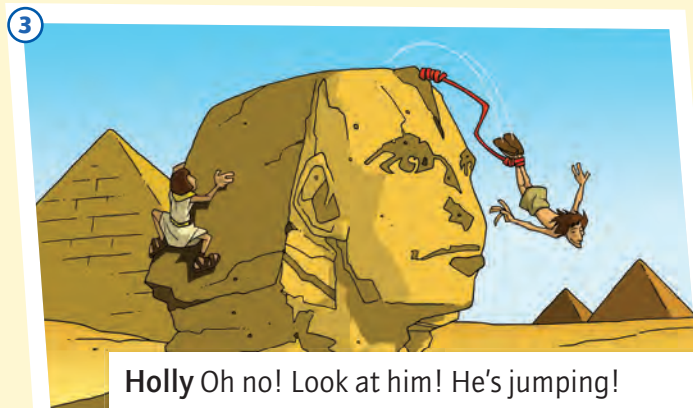


Holly OK, so it isn't by the river.

Ra What about looking round the pyramids?

Holly Good thinking! The pyramids are over there.

Max Wow! That stone is very heavy.



Holly Oh no! Look at him! He's jumping!

Ra Calm down, Holly. He's bungee jumping!



Max Well, the amulet isn't near the pyramids.

Ra Why don't we try the market? Maybe it's there.

Holly Look! A skateboard. That's funny!

Max Bah! It's not as good as my skateboard – it's too heavy to ride. It's not fast enough for me!



Holly Ha! Ha! Max. It's too fast for you.

Max Ow! My head!

Nebi Ah! The magic amulet!

Holly Who's that?

Max I don't know, but maybe it's his shop!

Nebi Hey! Wait!

Ra Let's get out of here!

1 Listen and read.

Which sport does Max try?

2 Choose the correct word.

- 1 The amulet **is** / **isn't** by the river.
- 2 Holly **is** / **isn't** worried about the bungee jumper.
- 3 Ra **wants to** / **doesn't want to** go to the market.
- 4 Max and Holly **know** / **don't know** Nebi.
- 5 The children **find** / **don't find** the amulet.

Discover Grammar



too and enough

The skateboard is **too** fast for you.
 That stone is **too** heavy to carry.
 That bird isn't strong **enough** to carry you.
 Is it exciting **enough** for you?

3 Look at the pictures in the story and complete the sentences.

- 1 The stone is *too heavy* (heavy) to carry.
- 2 The skateboard isn't _____ (slow) for Max.
- 3 The skateboard is _____ (difficult) to stop.
- 4 The bird is _____ (small) to carry Max.
- 5 The rope isn't _____ (long) to do the bungee jump.

4 Write sentences about the pictures.

heavy light high low fat thin



He isn't fat enough to eat. He's too thin!





Discover Functions: suggestions

5 Listen and repeat.

How about	exploring the town?
What about	climb the pyramid?
Why don't we	climb the pyramid.
Let's	

6 Complete the dialogue. Listen and check.

How Let's Why about

Sue I'm bored. ¹ _____ go swimming.
Tim But it isn't warm enough to swim. ² _____ don't we play football?
Sue It's too windy to play football. What ³ _____ hang-gliding?
Tim It's too dangerous for me. ⁴ _____ about watching TV instead?

Pronunciation /w/

7 Listen and repeat.

Wendy was worried about William windsurfing.
 What about watching TV?

Speaking

8 Work in pairs. You are Max and Holly. Make suggestions.

Holly What about ...? / Let's ... / Why don't we ...?
Max Good idea. / OK. / It's too dangerous for me. / It isn't exciting enough for me.



Record-Breakers

Reading

1 Read the texts and complete the chart.

Name	<i>Chloe</i>		
Age		<i>11</i>	
Achievement			<i>Youngest person to swim from Alcatraz to the coast of San Francisco</i>

Try this!

When you first read a text, don't worry about difficult words. Read the whole text quickly and try to understand the general meaning.

Go for it!

If you love something, keep practising, and maybe you can become the best in the world.

Top of the Touches

Forget about Ronaldo – meet 10-year-old Chloe Hegland from Canada. She is younger than a professional footballer, but Chloe has got the world record for the most touches of a football. Chloe can touch the ball an amazing 163 times in 30 seconds. Well done, Chloe, you're the best!



Swimming Sensation

Seven-year-old Braxton Bilbrey is the youngest person to swim from the island of Alcatraz to the coast of San Francisco, USA. Most seven-year-olds aren't strong enough to swim in open sea, but the 2.25-kilometre swim took Braxton only 47 minutes. The most difficult thing for him was the cold water. Was he worried about the sharks in this part of the Pacific Ocean? No. He knew that sharks don't bite if you hit them on the nose!



Extreme X Gamer

Nyjah Huston started skateboarding when he was only five and now, six years later, he is the youngest athlete at the



X Games Competition. The X Games take place every year in the USA and feature some of the world's most exciting sports. People thought Nyjah was too small to compete, but the 11-year-old is better than a lot of older skateboarders. What's his secret? Practice, practice and more practice!

TOP SECRET!




Secret agents are often good at dangerous or extreme sports. James Bond can bungee jump and ski, Ethan Hunt can free climb. Find out which sports superspy Alex Ryder can do!



2 True or false?

- 1 Chloe Hegland is a professional footballer. *F*
- 2 Chloe is very good at football.
- 3 Nyjah is older than the other athletes at the X Games.
- 4 Nyjah kept his interest in skateboarding a secret.
- 5 Braxton swam from Alcatraz to San Francisco seven times.
- 6 The sea was cold.
- 7 There are sometimes sharks near Alcatraz.

Listening

3  Listen to the radio interview. Are Max and Tara record-breakers?



4  Listen again and choose.

- 1 The interviewer is *bungee jumping* / *watching a bungee jump*.
- 2 *Ten* / *Twenty-six* people are doing a bungee jump together.
- 3 The bungee *is* / *isn't* strong enough for that number of people.
- 4 Tara *enjoyed* / *didn't enjoy* the experience.
- 5 She *was* / *wasn't* scared before the jump.
- 6 Sam wants to do *a higher jump* / *the jump again*.

Speaking

5 In pairs, compare the people and sports in the photos. Use these adjectives.

dangerous cool interesting strange
difficult scary

Swimming with sharks is more dangerous than playing football.

Writing Zone

6 Read and complete.



My friend Lucy is the ¹ *fastest* (fast) backwards runner in England. When she was two, she was in a running race with five-year-olds. The other children were ² _____ (old) than Lucy, but she was ³ _____ (good) than them and she won the race! She started running backwards when she was three. She practises every day, and she gets ⁴ _____ (fast) every year. She wants to be the ⁵ _____ (good) backwards runner in the world.

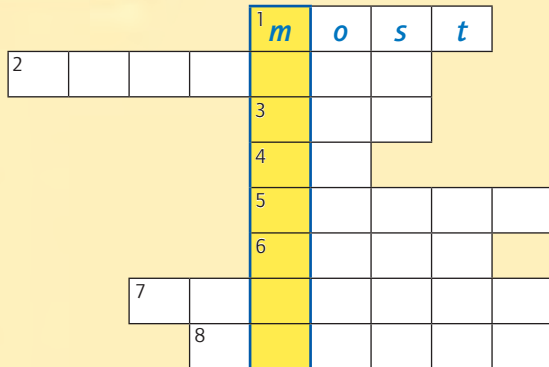
7 Imagine your friend is a record-breaker. Complete the chart and write about your friend. Choose from these achievements or use your own ideas.

- can do the longest jump on a mountain bike
- is the fastest swimmer in your school
- is the youngest player in your country's football team

Name	
Age	
Achievement	
Started?	
Training	
Ambition	

Spy Check

1 The spies have got a new enemy on the Top Secret website. Do the puzzle and find out his name.



- The X Games is a competition for the world's _____ exciting sports.
- The _____ bungee jump in the world was 900 metres high.
- Charlie's bike can't go in the tent because it's _____ big.
- The waves in the Atlantic are sometimes _____ big as a house.
- Adam Wilkie's _____ interesting day at sea was when his radio didn't work.
- The skateboards in Egypt are _____ dangerous than Max's skateboard.
- Nina's skateboard can go in the tent because it's _____ than Charlie's bike.
- The birds in Egypt aren't strong _____ to carry Max.

Top Secret Tip

2 Good agents remember lots of facts. Answer the questions.

Memory Test

- What's the best gadget in Finn's spy kit?
- Does Daisy like camping?
- In which country did Adam Wilkie's journey end?
- What four animals did Adam see when he was at sea?
- Who walked to the Arctic at the age of 15?
- What do the people in *The Magic Amulet* use for hang-gliding?
- Where does Ra want to explore?
- A man sees Holly's magic amulet. What colour clothes is he wearing?

Top Secret Agent Test



What activity do I want to try?



Mission A

1 Use the yellow code.

Send my sock!

2 Write the secret letters.

7 8 9

Mission B

Write the nine letters from the Top Secret Mission in this order. Nina wants to try:

1 9 8 7 2 3 4 5 6

Congratulations! You are a Top Secret Agent. Use your Mission 3 answer for more Secret Missions in the Top Secret e-Book.



Let's Revise!

3

My favourite sport is _____

Words

1 Complete the words for outdoor activities. Put the circled letters in order and complete Detective Nick's sentence.

- h i k i n g
- m _ _ n t _ _ _ b _ k _ _ _
- s k _ _ _ b o _ _ _ d i _ _ _
- b _ _ _ e e j _ m _ _ _ g
- c _ n _ e _ n g
- _ _ y d i v _ _ _
- i _ _ c _ _ m b i _ _
- h _ _ g - g l _ _ _ i n g
- _ k i i _ _



2 Write the sports from Exercise 1.

- You are high above the ground when you do these sports.
bungee jumping, _____, _____
- You do these sports on water.
_____, _____
- You can only do these sports when it's cold.
_____, _____
- You use equipment with wheels for these sports.
_____, _____
- You walk a long way in this sport.

3 Complete with suitable adjectives ending in *-ed* or *-ing*.

Charlie I fell asleep because the film was so ¹ *boring*.

Finn I'm ² *am* _____! It was a fantastic film.

Daisy I was ³ *fr* _____ when they were ice climbing and the rope broke.

Charlie I wasn't ⁴ *wo* _____. I knew they were safe.

Nina It was ⁵ *ex* _____ when they were skiing. They did some really big jumps!

Finn Yes. I'm ⁶ *in* _____ in learning to ski. It looks fun.

Grammar

4 Complete with comparatives and superlatives.

Yesterday was the ¹ *best* (good) day of my life! I went skiing with Superdog and Spike. They are ² _____ (good) skiers than I am.

I was the ³ _____ (slow), but it was really good fun. We had a ski jumping competition.

My ⁴ _____ (big) jump was a metre long. The ⁵ _____ (bad) jump was Spike's. She fell on her head and didn't want to ski after that. Poor Spike! Next week we're going ice climbing. I think ice climbing will be ⁶ _____ (scary) and ⁷ _____ (difficult) than skiing. Skiing is the ⁸ _____ (exciting) sport in the world!



5 Look at the chart from the ski jump competition and make sentences using the words below.

	Mike	Spike	Superdog
high	0.5m	0.7m	0.7m
long	1m	1.5m	1.2m
dangerous	**	***	*

- higher *Spike's jump was higher than Mike's.*
- as high _____
- longest _____
- not as long _____
- less dangerous _____
- least dangerous _____

6 Complete. Use *too* or *enough*.

- I can't hear you. It's *too noisy* (noisy) in here.
- Clean your bedroom again! It isn't _____ (clean).
- It's raining so we can't go hang-gliding. It's _____ (wet).
- £100 for a T-shirt?! That's _____ (expensive).
- He can't open the door. He isn't _____ (strong).
- Do your homework again. It isn't _____ (good).

Functions

7 Complete the suggestions.

1 ice climbing

hiking up a mountain

2 skateboarding



3 mountain biking

bungee jumping

- 1 How about *going ice climbing*?
- 2 Why don't we _____?
- 3 What about _____?
- 4 Let's _____.
- 5 How about _____?

8 Suggest four things to do this weekend.
Start each suggestion a different way.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

I can ...



- talk about outdoor activities
- use *-ed* and *-ing* adjectives
- use comparatives and superlatives
- use *as ... as*, *less* and *least*
- use *too* and *enough*
- make suggestions

Song

Sailing

by Rod Stewart

1 Match the words with the pictures.



water bird night sailing flying
sea sky cloud

2 Listen and complete with the words in Exercise 1. You can use words more than once.

I am sailing, I am ¹*sailing*,
Home again across the ²_____
I am sailing stormy ³_____,
To be near you, to be free.

I am flying, I am ⁴_____,
Like a ⁵_____ across the ⁶_____
I am flying, passing high ⁷_____,
To be with you, to be free.

Can you hear me, can you hear me,
Through the dark ⁸_____, far away?
I am dying, forever trying,
To be with you, who can say.

We are sailing, we are ⁹_____,
Home again across the ¹⁰_____
We are sailing stormy ¹¹_____,
To be near you, to be free.

Oh lord, to be near you, to be free.

3 Listen again and check. Then listen and sing.