



Read the following text.

"I landed in a tree!"

Tatiana Verbois
from Kyrgyzstan

Before my first skydiving jump, I was a little afraid, but my classmates convinced me to do it. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to do it with them. It was fun to jump together.

It was a nice sunny day when we went skydiving. We took a six-hour course and we were ready to subdue the sky. Unfortunately, the weather changed and we had to wait until the next weekend. We were really upset. So, when the following weekend came, we finally did it.

Wow, it was exciting! I can't express all the feelings of free flight. I was happy, frightened, excited and satisfied. All of these feelings happened at the same time. I could see the Earth below me as I flew like a bird with my parachute.

The last couple of seconds, I realized I could not land on the ground because right under me there was a tree! I didn't have time to worry about it. I landed in the tree, but it was a smooth landing. I got a lot of help from my instructors, who ran to the place where I landed. They were scared, but I wasn't hurt.

I went to the office and sat in the back of a truck with the instructor and we laughed about it. When it was over, all I could think about was when I would be able to skydive again.

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1 Are these statements **true** or **false**? Correct the false ones.

1.1. Tatiana lives in Russia.

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1.2. She went skydiving with her schoolmates.

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1.3. People don't need any special preparation to skydive.

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1.4. During the jump Tatiana experienced a mixture of feelings.

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1.5. The girl got injured because of her landing.

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2 Give the **opposites** of these words taken from the text.

2.1. afraid (line 1) _____

2.2. fun (line 3) _____

2.3. landed (line 15) _____

2.4. laughed (line 19) _____

II

1 Choose the **right option** to complete the sentences below.

1.1. Tatiana _____ to school last week because she got the flu.

- a. didn't went
- b. doesn't go
- c. didn't go

1.2. The young girl _____ English since she was five years old.

- a. is learning
- b. has been learning
- c. has learnt

1.3. The students _____ chew gum inside the classroom in Tatiana's school. It's forbidden.

- a. mustn't
- b. may
- c. shouldn't

1.4. If Tatiana gets good marks, her parents _____ her to Euro Disney in Paris.

- a. will take
- b. are taking
- c. would take

1.5. Tatiana's family _____ a new house. They want to move there next summer.

- a. built
- b. are building
- c. build

1.6. The young girl wants to skydive again. She wishes to give _____ a new chance of feeling completely free.

- a. her
- b. him
- c. herself

2 Rewrite the following sentences in the **passive voice**. Use the words given.

2.1. Tatiana's classmates made perfect jumps last weekend.

Perfect jumps _____

2.2. The instructors gave them a six-hour course.

They _____

2.3. Tatiana is planning a new adventure for next month.

A new adventure _____

3 Put into the **reported speech**.

3.1. "I can't express all the feelings of free flight."

Tatiana said _____

3.2. "When we go skydiving, we feel like a bird."

She told us _____

3.3. "Are you feeling well now?"

The instructor asked Tatiana _____

III

Write a composition on one of these topics (50 - 90 words):

a. The day I went skydiving / skating / surfing...

b. My favourite sport(s)

c. My favourite sportsman/sportswoman

Welcome to the 9th form, mates! Are you ready to work?



WORKSHEET 2

Cult Quiz I (UK)



Choose the right option.

- 1 If you go to London, you can visit _____ that are beside Big Ben.
 - a. the Tower of London ☐
 - b. the Houses of Parliament ☐
 - c. the Tower Bridge ☐
- 2 Tourists can see a curious ceremony outside Buckingham Palace. It is...
 - a. the Changing of the Guard ☐
 - b. the Trooping of the Colour ☐
 - c. the Lord Mayor's show ☐
- 3 Each year Queen Elizabeth II goes to the Parliament and makes an important speech about the nation. This ceremony is...
 - a. the Trooping of the Colour ☐
 - b. the State Opening of Parliament ☐
 - c. the Queen's Christmas speech ☐

- 4 Queen Elizabeth II goes to that ceremony...

- a. in one of her fabulous Rolls-Royce
- b. riding one of her marvellous horses
- c. in one of the Royal coaches

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- 5 Queen Elizabeth II became Queen of the United Kingdom in...

- a. 1952
- b. 1962
- c. 1957

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- 6 At every hour one can hear the deep "boom" of Big Ben...

- a. five times
- b. six times
- c. four times

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- 7 The English Parliament has got two "Houses". They are...

- a. the House of Lords and the House of People
- b. the House of Commons and the Royal House
- c. the House of Lords and the House of Commons

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- 8 It is a bridge that opens so that boats can go up or down the Thames. Its name is...
- a. Waterloo bridge ☐
 - b. Westminster bridge ☐
 - c. Tower bridge ☐
- 9 Tourists who visit the Tower of London are mainly attracted by...
- a. the Crown jewels ☐
 - b. its crows ☐
 - c. its landscape ☐
- 10 The guards who are responsible for the security of the Tower of London are...
- a. the horse guards ☐
 - b. the foot guards ☐
 - c. the Beefeaters ☐
- 11 In the Tower of London at ten o'clock every night there's the Ceremony of the Keys which is...
- a. 700 years old ☐
 - b. 500 years old ☐
 - c. 75 years old ☐
- 12 J. K. Rowling, Harry Potter's author, worked in Portugal as a ...
- a. journalist ☐
 - b. teacher of English ☐
 - c. diplomat ☐
- 13 Chris Martin is the singer of a famous rock group. Their latest album is called X&Y 2005. Their name is...
- a. Coldplay ☐
 - b. Oasis ☐
 - c. Greenday ☐
- 14 A world-wide known Portuguese painter lives in London. Her name is...
- a. Vieira da Silva ☐
 - b. Paula Rego ☐
 - c. Armanda Passos ☐
- 15 He is a football trainer and has inspired an Irish DJ who made a song about his famous overcoat. He is...
- a. José Mourinho ☐
 - b. Sir Alex Ferguson ☐
 - c. Sven G. Erickson ☐
- 16 Guy Ritchie is an English film director who became popular after his marriage with...
- a. Anastasia ☐
 - b. Shakira ☐
 - c. Madonna ☐
- 17 He is one of the most popular singers of all times in England. One of his biggest hits was "Congratulations" and he spends most of his time in his house in the Algarve. He is...
- a. Sir Cliff Richard ☐
 - b. Sir Elton John ☐
 - c. Sting ☐
- 18 Princes William and Harry are attending a strict military academy. Its name is...
- a. Sandhurst ☐
 - b. St. Andrew's College ☐
 - c. The Army Royal Academy ☐
- 19 The Prince of Wales got married for the second time in 2005 with...
- a. Lady Diana Spencer ☐
 - b. Camilla Parker-Bowles ☐
 - c. Sarah Ferguson ☐
- 20 The "Commonwealth" is...
- a. an organization of wealthy people ☐
 - b. an organization of 54 countries with 1.7 billion citizens ☐
 - c. an organization of the countries that make the United Kingdom ☐

Let's fly away to the next worksheet!

