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French climber banned from scaling UK buildings

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THE ARTICLE

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A French stuntman who specializes in scaling skyscrapers has been banned from climbing any building in the UK. Alain Robert, 56, was handed a 20-week prison sentence on Friday, suspended for two years, for scrambling up London's 201-metre Heron Tower. Mr Robert, dubbed "the French Spiderman," was also handed a \$7,000 fine for disruption and for causing a "large scale" emergency response. Hundreds of people stopped in the street to watch him climb the building and a number of emergency services were called. Using his usual climbing method, Mr Robert ascended the London tower using only his bare hands. He never uses ropes or other safety equipment.

The judge who presided over Mr Robert's case told the climber: "You are demonstrably an accomplished climber, but there is always the danger that your actions could be imitated by those less proficient, with potentially fatal consequences." Another judge described the incident as a "publicity stunt". He pointed out that it appeared Robert had been sponsored to climb the building because he was wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the logo of a company. Robert was prepared for his arrest. When London Police apprehended him at the foot of the tower on Thursday, he immediately handed officers his passport and the telephone number of his lawyer.

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2018/10/26/french-spiderman-banned-from-climbing-any-building-in-uk-after-scaling-heron-tower-8079586/>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6321181/French-Spiderman-banned-climbing-UK-buildings-arrested-scaling-Heron-Tower.html>
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/french-daredevil-scales-londons-heron-tower>

WARM-UPS

1. CLIMBING SKYSCRAPERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about climbing skyscrapers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

stuntman / skyscrapers / climbing / prison sentence / Spiderman / emergency / bare / judge / danger / proficient / fatal / publicity stunt / sponsored / logo / arrest / lawyer

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PUBLICITY STUNT: Students A **strongly** believe publicity stunts should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CHARACTERS: What might people dubbed with these nicknames do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What They Might Do	Would You Like This Power?
Spiderman/Spiderwoman		
Batman/Batwoman		
Atom Boy / Atom Girl		
Snow White		
Mulan		
Wonder Woman / Wonder Man		

5. BUILDING: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "building". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. STUNTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most dangerous at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- climbing skyscrapers
- standing on airplanes
- wrestling tigers
- high wire
- land speed record
- freefall onto air bag
- fast food for a month
- swimming the Atlantic

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. scaling | a. Given an unofficial name or nickname to someone or something. |
| 2. skyscrapers | b. The punishment (usually time in prison) assigned to someone found guilty by a court. |
| 3. sentence | c. A very tall building with many stories. |
| 4. suspended | d. Without any covering. |
| 5. dubbed | e. Climb up or over something high and steep. |
| 6. disruption | f. Delayed (or stopped for a time) an action, event, or judgment. |
| 7. bare | g. Problems or actions that stop an event, activity, or process, or get in the way of their smooth operation. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. presided | h. Highly trained or skilled. |
| 9. accomplished | i. Causing death; deadly. |
| 10. imitated | j. Gave money for a project or activity or the person carrying it out. |
| 11. proficient | k. Copied. |
| 12. fatal | l. An event designed to shock or surprise the public in order to advertize or promote something or someone. |
| 13. publicity stunt | m. The results or effects of an action or condition. |
| 14. sponsored | n. Be in the position of authority in a meeting, court or other gathering. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The UK has banned a 20-year-old stuntman climber. **T / F**
- b. The stuntman has to go to prison. **T / F**
- c. The stuntman was responsible for emergency services being called out. **T / F**
- d. The stuntman used a special type of rope to climb the building. **T / F**
- e. A judge recognized the stuntman as being a good climber. **T / F**
- f. Another judge said the stuntman took part in a publicity stunt. **T / F**
- g. The stuntman wore a T-shirt with a company's logo on it. **T / F**
- h. Police arrested the man at passport control at a London airport. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. banned | a. decorated |
| 2. scaling | b. several |
| 3. response | c. gear |
| 4. a number of | d. copied |
| 5. equipment | e. climbing |
| 6. accomplished | f. deadly |
| 7. imitated | g. barred |
| 8. fatal | h. gave |
| 9. emblazoned | i. reaction |
| 10. handed | j. expert |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A French stuntman who specializes | a. to climb the building |
| 2. Robert, 56, was handed a | b. for disruption |
| 3. a \$7,000 fine | c. safety equipment |
| 4. a number of emergency services | d. consequences |
| 5. He never uses ropes or other | e. 20-week prison sentence |
| 6. your actions could be imitated by those | f. the logo of a company |
| 7. potentially fatal | g. in scaling skyscrapers |
| 8. Robert had been sponsored | h. the foot of the tower |
| 9. wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with | i. were called |
| 10. Police apprehended him at | j. less proficient |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

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banned
method
dubbed
specializes
bare
handed
number
disruption

The judge who presided over Mr Robert's (9) _____ told the climber: "You are demonstrably an accomplished climber, but there is always the (10) _____ that your actions could be imitated by those (11) _____ proficient, with potentially (12) _____ consequences." Another judge described the incident as a "publicity (13) _____ ". He pointed out that it appeared Robert had been sponsored to climb the building because he was wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the (14) _____ of a company. Robert was prepared for his (15) _____. When London Police apprehended him at the foot of the tower on Thursday, he immediately (16) _____ officers his passport and the telephone number of his lawyer.

less
stunt
arrest
case
fatal
handed
logo
danger

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

- 1) Alain Robert, 56, was handed a 20-week prison _____ Friday
 - a. sentence in
 - b. sentenced on
 - c. sentence on
 - d. sentences on
- 2) suspended for two years, for _____ London's 201-metre Heron Tower
 - a. scrambling up
 - b. scramble in up
 - c. scrambled egg
 - d. scramble line-up
- 3) Robert, dubbed "the French Spiderman," was also handed a \$7,000 _____
 - a. fine for disruption
 - b. fined for disruption
 - c. fines for disruption
 - d. finely for disruption
- 4) Hundreds of people stopped in the street to watch him _____
 - a. climb a building
 - b. climb up building
 - c. climb the building
 - d. climb that building
- 5) Mr Robert ascended the London tower using only _____
 - a. his bares hands
 - b. his bear hands
 - c. his barely hands
 - d. his bare hands
- 6) there is always the danger that your actions _____
 - a. could be imitated
 - b. could be imitated
 - c. could be imitated
 - d. could be imitated
- 7) by those less proficient, with potentially _____
 - a. fatally consequences
 - b. fete all consequences
 - c. fatal consequences
 - d. fate all consequences
- 8) Another judge described the incident as a " _____ "
 - a. publicize stunt
 - b. publicity stunt
 - c. publicity stunts
 - d. publicize stunts
- 9) he was wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the _____ company
 - a. logo of a
 - b. low go of a
 - c. logo off a
 - d. logo offer
- 10) When London Police apprehended him at _____ the tower
 - a. the feet off
 - b. the afoot of
 - c. the foot of
 - d. the foot off

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The judge who presided over Mr Robert's case told the climber: "You are demonstrably (7) _____, but there is always the danger that your actions could be imitated (8) _____ proficient, with potentially fatal consequences." Another judge described the incident as a "publicity stunt". He pointed (9) _____ appeared Robert had been sponsored to climb the building because he was wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with (10) _____ a company. Robert was prepared for his arrest. When London Police apprehended him at (11) _____ the tower on Thursday, he immediately handed officers his passport and the telephone number (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

1. What sentence did the stuntman receive?
2. What is the stuntman's nickname?
3. How much was the fine the stuntman received?
4. What kind of response did the stuntman's climb create?
5. What does the stuntman never use?
6. Who called the stuntman "an accomplished climber"?
7. What kind of stunt did a judge call the climb?
8. Why did a judge think the stuntman was sponsored?
9. Where was the stuntman arrested?
10. What number did the climber give the police?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

- 1) What sentence did the stuntman receive?
 - a) 2 years in prison
 - b) a 20-week prison sentence
 - c) 100 hours of community service
 - d) 6 months in prison
- 2) What is the stuntman's nickname?
 - a) Mr Climber
 - b) Monsieur Spider
 - c) the Scrambler
 - d) the French Spiderman
- 3) How much was the fine the stuntman received?
 - a) \$77,000
 - b) \$70,000
 - c) \$7,000
 - d) \$17,000
- 4) What kind of response did the stuntman's climb create?
 - a) a "large scale" emergency response
 - b) a bored response
 - c) a slow response
 - d) an angry response
- 5) What does the stuntman never use?
 - a) glue
 - b) safety equipment
 - c) shoes
 - d) his teeth
- 6) Who called the stuntman "an accomplished climber"?
 - a) a judge
 - b) a witness
 - c) another climber
 - d) a police officer
- 7) What kind of stunt did a judge call the climb?
 - a) a film stunt
 - b) a daredevil stunt
 - c) a publicity stunt
 - d) a brave stunt
- 8) Why did a judge think the stuntman was sponsored?
 - a) the stuntman wore a T-shirt
 - b) it was on TV
 - c) there was a sponsor's banner
 - d) he said he was
- 9) Where was the stuntman arrested?
 - a) in a subway train
 - b) at his home
 - c) at the airport
 - d) at the foot of the tower
- 10) What number did the lawyer give the police?
 - a) his ID number
 - b) 726
 - c) his lawyer's telephone number
 - d) a fake number

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Climbing Skyscrapers

You think climbing skyscrapers is the most dangerous stunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their stunts. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): standing on airplanes, wrestling tigers or the high wire.

Role B – Standing on Airplanes

You think standing on airplanes is the most dangerous stunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their stunts. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): climbing skyscrapers, wrestling tigers or the high wire.

Role C – Wrestling Tigers

You think wrestling tigers is the most dangerous stunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their stunts. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): standing on airplanes, climbing skyscrapers or the high wire.

Role D – The High Wire

You think the high wire is the most dangerous stunt. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their stunts. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): standing on airplanes, wrestling tigers or climbing skyscrapers.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'climb' and 'building'.

climb	building
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• banned• 20• 201• 7,000• street• bare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• over• danger• less• wearing• arrest• passport
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CLIMBING SKYSCRAPERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about climbing skyscrapers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CLIMBING SKYSCRAPERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'skyscraper'?
3. What do you think of skyscrapers?
4. Should Mr Robert have been given a prison sentence?
5. How dangerous is it to climb up buildings?
6. What things have you climbed?
7. What skills do you need to climb tall buildings?
8. Would you have stopped to watch Mr Robert climb the building?
9. What do you think of Mr Robert for causing an emergency response?
10. What advice do you have for Mr Robert?

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CLIMBING SKYSCRAPERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'stuntman'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How responsible do you think Mr Robert is?
15. Should Mr Robert tell other people not to copy him?
16. What publicity stunts do you know of?
17. Should Mr Robert's sponsor also be prosecuted?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. Why did Mr Robert give police officers his lawyer's phone number?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Robert?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The judge who (7) _____ over Mr Robert's case told the climber: "You are demonstrably an accomplished climber, but there is always the danger that your actions could be (8) _____ by those less proficient, with potentially fatal consequences." Another judge described the incident as a "publicity (9) _____". He pointed (10) _____ that it appeared Robert had been sponsored to climb the building because he was wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the logo of a company. Robert was prepared (11) _____ his arrest. When London Police apprehended him at the foot of the tower on Thursday, he immediately (12) _____ officers his passport and the telephone number of his lawyer.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) of | (d) as |
| 2. | (a) handled | (b) handed | (c) hand | (d) handing |
| 3. | (a) subbed | (b) scrubbed | (c) rubbed | (d) dubbed |
| 4. | (a) responsibly | (b) response | (c) responsible | (d) responsive |
| 5. | (a) numeral | (b) number | (c) numerical | (d) numeracy |
| 6. | (a) nude | (b) stripped | (c) bare | (d) undressed |
| 7. | (a) pressed | (b) presented | (c) presided | (d) presumed |
| 8. | (a) cremated | (b) inflated | (c) imitated | (d) relegated |
| 9. | (a) slant | (b) shunt | (c) stint | (d) stunt |
| 10. | (a) out | (b) up | (c) in | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) to | (c) of | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) palmed | (b) knuckled | (c) handed | (d) fingered |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. ciieelasspz in scaling skyscrapers
2. a 20-week prison etcsenne
3. a \$7,000 fine for uiondrtsip
4. a "large scale" emergency essernop
5. Mr Robert cdensade the London tower
6. safety quienpetm

Paragraph 2

7. an saecipmodchl climber
8. your actions could be ttiadeim
9. those less itpoencrfi
10. as a "yuclbiip stunt"
11. a T-shirt boezmledna with the logo
12. London Police hpedanpered him

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () arrest. When London Police apprehended him at the foot of the tower on Thursday, he immediately
- (**1**) A French stuntman who specializes in scaling skyscrapers has been banned from climbing any building in the
- () a T-shirt emblazoned with the logo of a company. Robert was prepared for his
- () a \$7,000 fine for disruption and for causing a "large scale" emergency response. Hundreds of
- () services were called. Using his usual climbing method, Mr Robert ascended the London tower using only his
- () UK. Alain Robert, 56, was handed a 20-week prison sentence on Friday, suspended for two years, for scrambling
- () proficient, with potentially fatal consequences." Another judge described the incident as a "publicity
- () climber, but there is always the danger that your actions could be imitated by those less
- () people stopped in the street to watch him climb the building and a number of emergency
- () bare hands. He never uses ropes or other safety equipment.
- () The judge who presided over Mr Robert's case told the climber: "You are demonstrably an accomplished
- () up London's 201-metre Heron Tower. Mr Robert, dubbed "the French Spiderman," was also handed
- () handed officers his passport and the telephone number of his lawyer.
- () stunt". He pointed out that it appeared Robert had been sponsored to climb the building because he was wearing

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

1. stuntman A skyscrapers . specializes who in scaling
2. him . street watch to stopped in the People
3. were services number of A called . emergency
4. using tower Ascended only his the bare hands .
5. other ropes uses He or safety never equipment .
6. Mr who over Robert's presided The case . judge
7. your The actions could that imitated . be danger
8. a He incident as the "publicity stunt" . described
9. emblazoned company's logo . T-shirt with a A
10. tower . him apprehended London at police the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

A French stuntman who specializes *in / on* scaling skyscrapers has been banned from climbing any building in the UK. Alain Robert, 56, was *handled / handed* a 20-week prison sentence on Friday, suspended for two years, for *scrambling / scribbling* up London's 201-metre Heron Tower. Mr Robert, dubbed "the French Spiderman," was also handed a \$7,000 *fine / well* for disruption and for *causing / cause* a "large scale" emergency response. Hundreds of people *stooped / stopped* in the street to watch him climb the building and a *numeral / number* of emergency services were called. Using his *usually / usual* climbing method, Mr Robert ascended the London tower using only his *barely / bare* hands. He never uses ropes or other safety *equipment / equip*.

The judge who presided *over / under* Mr Robert's case told the climber: "You are *demonstrably / demonstration* an accomplished climber, but there is always the danger that your actions could be *imitation / imitated* by those less proficient, with potentially *fatally / fatal* consequences." Another judge described the incident *was / as* a "publicity stunt". He pointed *out / up* that it appeared Robert had been *response / sponsored* to climb the building because he was wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the *logo / Lego* of a company. Robert was prepared for his *arrest / detest*. When London Police apprehended him at the foot of the tower on Thursday, he immediately *headed / handed* officers his passport and the telephone number of his lawyer.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A Fr_nch st_n t m_n w h_ s p_c__ l_z_s _n s c_l_n
g s k y s c r_p_r s h_s b__ n b_n n_d f r_m c l_m
b_n g _n y b__ l d_n g _n t h_ U K . A l__ n R_b_r t
, 5 6 , w_s h_n d_d _ 2 0 - w__ k p r_s_n s_n t_n
c _n Fr_d_y , s_s p_n d_d f_r t w_ y__ r s , f_r s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181030-climber.html>

a french stuntman who specializes in scaling skyscrapers has been banned from climbing any building in the uk alain robert 56 was handed a 20week prison sentence on friday suspended for two years for scrambling up londons 201metre heron tower mr robert dubbed the french spiderman was also handed a 7000 fine for disruption and for causing a large scale emergency response hundreds of people stopped in the street to watch him climb the building and a number of emergency services were called using his usual climbing method mr robert ascended the london tower using only his bare hands he never uses ropes or other safety equipment

the judge who presided over mr roberts case told the climber you are demonstrably an accomplished climber but there is always the danger that your actions could be imitated by those less proficient with potentially fatal consequences another judge described the incident as a publicity stunt he pointed out that it appeared robert had been sponsored to climb the building because he was wearing a tshirt emblazoned with the logo of a company robert was prepared for his arrest when london police apprehended him at the foot of the tower on thursday he immediately handed officers his passport and the telephone number of his lawyer.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A French stuntman who specializes in scaling skyscrapers has been banned from climbing any building in the UK. Alain Robert, 56, was handed a 20-week prison sentence on Friday, suspended for two years, for scrambling up London's 201-metre Heron Tower. Mr Robert, dubbed "the French Spiderman," was also handed a \$7,000 fine for disruption and for causing a "large scale" emergency response. Hundreds of people stopped in the street to watch him climb the building and a number of emergency services were recalled. Using his usual climbing method, Mr Robert ascended the London tower using only his bare hands. He never uses ropes or other safety equipment. The judge who presided over Mr Robert's case told the climber: "You are demonstrably an accomplished climber, but there is always the danger that your actions could be imitated by those less proficient, with potentially fatal consequences." Another judge described the incident as a "publicity stunt". He pointed out that it appeared Robert had been sponsored to climb the building because he was wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the logo of a company. Robert was prepared for his arrest. When London Police apprehended him at the foot of the tower on Thursday, he immediately handed officers his passport and the telephone number of his lawyer.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CLIMBING: Make a poster about climbing. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CLIMBING SKYSCRAPERS: Write a magazine article about climbing skyscrapers. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this hobby.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on climbing skyscrapers. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. banned | a. barred |
| 2. scaling | b. climbing |
| 3. response | c. reaction |
| 4. a number of | d. several |
| 5. equipment | e. gear |
| 6. accomplished | f. expert |
| 7. imitated | g. copied |
| 8. fatal | h. deadly |
| 9. emblazoned | i. decorated |
| 10. handed | j. gave |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A 20-week sentence (suspended for 2 years)
2. Spiderman
3. \$7,000
4. A "large-scale" emergency response
5. Ropes or safety equipment
6. A judge
7. A publicity stunt
8. He was wearing a T-shirt
9. At the foot of the tower
10. His lawyer's telephone number

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A stuntman who specializes in scaling skyscrapers.
2. People stopped in the street to watch him.
3. A number of emergency services were called.
4. Ascended the tower using only his bare hands.
5. He never uses ropes or other safety equipment.
6. The judge who presided over Mr Robert's case.
7. The danger that your actions could be imitated.
8. He described the incident as a "publicity stunt".
9. A T-shirt emblazoned with a company's logo.
10. London police apprehended him at the tower.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)