

 **A. Read the following text carefully and say if the statements in the left are *True* or *False*.**



**1.** Catapulting and bungee jumping are one and the same sport.

**True False**

**2.** People are thrown into the air by a machine.

**True False**

**3.** No one is one hundred percent sure of the origin of this sport.

**True False**

**4.** Bungee Jumping requires hard work.

**True False**

**5.** People do this sport because they find it exciting.

**True False**

Feeling lucky? Why don't you try an extreme sport? Catapulting is like bungee jumping in reverse. You wear a safety harness, and a special machine shoots you 60 metres into the air.

But what is bungee jumping? According to legend, bungee jumping was invented on Southern Pentecost Island in the South Pacific. When a villager mistreated his wife, she climbed to the top of a banyan tree and jumped off. The man was so upset that he followed her example, not knowing that she had tied vines around her ankles to stop her from hitting the ground. Later, other men in the village built a giant platform and practised jumping with lines.

For many fans, the great thing about this sport is the lack of training required. You just need courage! We call these fans adrenaline junkies, because they do dangerous sports.

Bungee jumping and catapulting look and feel extremely dangerous, but, because conditions are carefully controlled, both sports are surprisingly safe. Apart from the thrill associated with danger, what makes people get involved in such dangerous sports? One view is that they are instinctively acting out their personal views of existence.

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**B. Look for words in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the text which mean more or less the same as the ones below.**

**1. old popular story**

**2. treated badly**

**3. stressed/unhappy**

**4. fastened (with a knot)**