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Day Two

Cheerleading: A Risky Business

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- famous people were once cheerleaders
- Routines are highly choreographed
- as cheer becomes more complex
- I was inverted and in the air with nothing to stop me
- How can such frightening accidents happen
- it is considered an activity instead of a sport

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Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. Remember, a base word shows the core meaning of a longer word. The base word includes no word endings or prefixes.

risky

flexible

dangerous

frightening

safety

harmless



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Part 2: Last read

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What do Madonna, Lindsay Lohan, and George W. Bush have in common? What about Paula Abdul, Halle Berry, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt? All six of these famous people were once cheerleaders.

In the past, cheerleading was something young men and women did to support sports teams. They performed cheers on the sidelines to excite the crowd. Today, however, cheerleading has changed. It involves tumbling, gymnastics, and dance. Routines are highly choreographed. Cheerleaders toss each other into the air. They must be flexible, graceful, and strong. However, as cheer becomes more complex, it also becomes more dangerous.	45 58 68 80 91 97
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An 18-year-old cheerleader named Jessica Smith broke her neck in a stunt. “As I was thrown into the air, the cheerleader who was supposed to catch me lost his balance and fell back,” she says. “I was inverted and in the air with nothing to stop me from coming straight down on my head.” Jessica can’t move properly anymore. She dropped out of school.	112 128 145 158 163
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How can such frightening accidents happen? Some people blame old stereotypes about cheerleading. In many states, it is considered an activity instead of a sport. Therefore, it has fewer safety rules. “Everyone thought cheerleading was jumping up and down and screaming to the crowd, which seemed pretty harmless,” says Brenda Shields, an expert on cheerleading injuries. “No one knew how much cheerleading had changed.”	174 188 199 212 224 227
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Part 3: Comprehension and Discussion

Are cheerleaders athletes? Explain your answer.

Check in with your partner. What does your partner think?

My partner thinks that cheerleaders