

ROOFTOPPING

B2/C1

Lesson plan and notes:

This is a full lesson including the speaking, reading, vocabulary and listening activities for students of B2 and above. The order of activities is meant to smoothly introduce students to new vocabulary and practice both speaking and reading. However, when you go through the pages, T may decide to use individual elements that suit their needs.

Intro - picture discussion

Slide 3 - T shows different images that ss discuss. They answer the question above. The final image includes one more question for ss to answer.

Vocabulary practice - categorizing

Slide 4 - T shows words one by one and ss need to categorize them - Which of the words can be connected to 'rooftopping'. The answers may vary depending on the way that ss can justify their answers and find reasons.

Reading practice

Slide 5 - There are 2 comprehension activities that ss need to do based on the text which is also attached to the slide. SS can do them on their devices, or you can provide them with the copy of the text (included in the presentation) and later verify the answers in class.

Vocabulary practice

Slide 6 - contains different vocabulary activities that you can pick from.

1. Work out the meaning - by clicking the Headings T activates the exercise. SS need to find the words in the text and match them with the definitions given.
2. Quizlet - T can pick any type of the activities to reinforce the meaning of the words that ss studied.
3. Learningapps - matching activity - T can organize a race to engage ss more in learning vocabulary.

Video

Slide 7 - Youtube video showing the girl from the article. There are some questions included as well that ss need to answer.

Vocabulary review

Slide 8 - 2 quizlet activities that T can use to review ss 's knowledge of the vocabulary from the topic. T can pick between context sentences or paraphrasing that will help ss put the words they studied in the correct everyday context.

Final comments

Slide 9 - discussion, comment, presentation. T can use this page to conduct just a free discussion in class or ass individual ss to comment or even ask them to prepare a presentation for the class.



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Teacher's Notes

All the notes and answers are also included in the Genially presentation:

1. Introduction. Let's talk.

1. Have you ever felt the urge to try something adventurous or risky? What was it?
2. How do you feel about people who take risks for the sake of art or photography?
3. What is your opinion on social media influencers and their impact on trends like rooftopping?
5. Do you believe that thrill-seeking activities can be beneficial for personal growth? Why or why not?
6. How important do you think safety measures are in extreme sports or adventurous activities?
7. Have you ever been inspired by someone's daring actions? How did it affect you?
9. In your view, what motivates individuals to share risky adventures online?

2. Vocabulary practice

Look at the words below. Which words can be connected with the 'rooftopping'? What do you think? Put them under the correct category and discuss your choices.



Words related to the topic

Words unrelated to the topic

Rooftopping

1. Angela Nicolau, a young woman from Russia, has taken social media by storm with her breathtaking photos from the tops of skyscrapers. She is part of a growing trend called "rooftopping," where adventurers climb to the highest points of buildings to take pictures and videos. Angela's photos are not just about the height, but also the stunning views of the cities below.

2. Rooftopping is not for the faint-hearted. Participants often have to climb without safety equipment, relying only on their skill and courage. Angela started her rooftopping journey a few years ago and has since climbed buildings in cities like Moscow, Hong Kong, and Dubai. Her photos show her sitting or standing on narrow ledges, often with her feet dangling over the edge. The views are amazing, but one wrong move could be fatal.

3. Angela says she does it for the thrill and the unique perspective it offers. She enjoys seeing the world from such great heights, where everything looks different. However, rooftopping is illegal in many places. Authorities warn that climbers are putting their lives at risk and could also face legal consequences.

4. Despite the dangers, Angela's followers on social media continue to grow. People are fascinated by her bravery and the incredible images she shares. For now, Angela shows no signs of stopping. She plans to continue her urban adventures and bring more high-altitude photos to her fans around the world. Her story is a mix of thrill, beauty, and a touch of rebellion that captivates many.

5. Rooftopping is an activity that is becoming more popular with adventurous individuals who seek high places and breathtaking views. This urban trend involves climbing to the

tops of tall buildings or structures and taking pictures, often without safety equipment or permission. Many people are fascinated by the incredible photos and videos that rooftop enthusiasts share on social media.

6. Participants in rooftopping often have to overcome many challenges. They might need to avoid security guards, find hidden staircases, or even climb up the side of a building. While rooftopping can be exciting and offers the chance to see cities from a new perspective, it also comes with significant risks. Without safety gear, a misstep could lead to serious injury or even death.

7. Law enforcement and building owners generally do not support rooftopping. They consider it dangerous and illegal. In some cities, people caught rooftopping could face high fines or even jail time. Despite these dangers and consequences, the rooftopping community continues to grow.

8. Rooftoppers are often very creative and talented. They plan their climbs carefully and think about how they will capture the best shots. The photos and videos they produce are often amazing, showcasing the beauty of cityscapes from dizzying heights. This artistic aspect attracts many people to the idea of rooftopping, even if they would never attempt it themselves.

9. However, the thrill of rooftopping should not overshadow the importance of safety. Those who are drawn to this daring activity must remember that it poses serious risks. Always considering safety is crucial to enjoying any adventure, especially one as risky as rooftopping.

3. Reading - Read the text and decide if the statements are True or False.

1. Angela Nicolau uses safety equipment when she climbs buildings.
2. Rooftopping is considered illegal in many places.
3. Angela has climbed buildings in cities like Moscow, Hong Kong, and Dubai.
4. Rooftopping enthusiasts often need to avoid security guards and find hidden staircases.
5. Angela's followers on social media are decreasing due to the dangers of rooftopping.
6. Rooftopping offers a unique perspective of cityscapes from great heights.
7. Law enforcement and building owners generally support rooftopping.

Correct answers:

1. False - The text states that participants often climb without safety equipment.
2. True - The text mentions that rooftopping is illegal in many places.
3. True - The text states that Angela has climbed buildings in cities like Moscow, Hong Kong, and Dubai.
4. True - The text mentions that participants might need to avoid security guards and find hidden staircases.
5. False - The text states that Angela's followers on social media continue to grow.
6. True - The text mentions that rooftopping offers the chance to see cities from a new perspective.
7. False - The text states that law enforcement and building owners generally do not support rooftopping.

4. Questions - Find the answers to the following questions:

1. Who is Angela Nicolau and what has she become known for on social media?
2. What is rooftopping, and how does it differ from traditional photography?
3. Why do participants in rooftopping often climb without safety equipment?
4. What are some of the challenges that rooftoppers may face during their climbs?
5. Why do law enforcement and building owners generally oppose rooftopping?
6. How do rooftoppers plan their climbs to capture the best shots?
7. What message does the text convey about the importance of safety in rooftopping?

Correct answers:

1. Angela Nicolau is a young woman from Russia known for her breathtaking photos taken from the tops of skyscrapers as part of the "rooftopping" trend.
2. Rooftopping involves climbing to the highest points of buildings or structures to take pictures and videos, often without safety equipment or permission, showcasing unique perspectives of cities.
3. Participants in rooftopping often climb without safety equipment to rely solely on their skill and courage, enhancing the thrill and sense of adventure.
4. Challenges faced by rooftoppers may include avoiding security guards, finding hidden staircases, and climbing up the side of a building to reach desired locations for photographs.
5. Law enforcement and building owners oppose rooftopping due to safety concerns, considering it dangerous and illegal, with potential consequences such as high fines or jail time for those caught.
6. Rooftoppers plan their climbs carefully to capture the best shots by thinking about angles, lighting, and compositions that showcase cityscapes from dizzying heights.
7. The text emphasizes the importance of safety in rooftopping, highlighting the serious risks involved and reminding individuals to prioritize safety when engaging in adventurous activities.

5. Vocabulary practice - Look back to the article and find the words matching the following definitions:

altitude	height above sea level
breathtaking	beautiful, gorgeous, stunning
crucial	extremely important
dangling	hanging or swinging loosely
dizzying	confusing
edge	the line along which two surfaces of a solid meet
faint-hearted	not brave or enthusiastic
fatal	causing death
law enforcement	police
ledge	a narrow shelf
misstep	wrong step; slip in behavior or judgement
safety gear	special clothing or equipment to provide safety
stunning	extremely beautiful
thrill	a feeling of joy or excitement
to captivate	to interest greatly; to charm
to capture	to take by force
to overcome	to defeat
to overshadow	to make someone or something seem less important than sb else
to rely on	to depend on
to showcase	to demonstrate

Extra vocab practice:

Quizlet: <https://quizlet.com/pl/939850704/rooftopping-1a-speaking-b2-flash-cards/?i=9zbxk&x=1jqt>

Learningapps: <https://learningapps.org/watch?v=pkupccauk24>

6. Video questions - Watch the video and answer the questions:

<https://youtu.be/Ht2bzwfAUcg?si=EGGd4UuZDRMT4sHJ>

1. What is Angela Nicholas known for on social media?
2. How did Angela develop her sense of balance and love for height and danger?
3. Where are some of the locations that Angela has climbed and filmed videos?
4. Does Angela use any safety equipment when climbing tall buildings?
5. Why does Angela enjoy visiting China and Hong Kong?
6. What other city besides China and Hong Kong is a popular travel destination for Angela?
7. In which city does Angela currently live and create content?

Correct answers:

1. Angela Nicholas is known for climbing the tallest buildings and constructions in the world and filming amazing videos.
2. Angela developed her sense of balance from her gymnastics training as a young girl and discovered her love for height and danger while in university.
3. Some of the locations Angela has climbed and filmed videos include Guangzhou, Beijing, Paris, Moscow, and Bangkok.
4. No, Angela admits that she doesn't use any safety equipment in her photo sets.
5. Angela enjoys visiting China and Hong Kong because of the astonishing spots for making wonderful pictures and the high skyscrapers built by people in those cities.
6. Besides China and Hong Kong, Paris is another popular travel destination for Angela where she films videos with iconic sites like the Eiffel Tower.
7. Angela currently lives in Moscow, where she creates content despite the challenges of accessing high places with tight security.

7. Discuss

1. What do you think motivates people to participate in extreme sports like rooftopping?
2. Have you ever tried any adventurous activities that made you feel a rush of adrenaline?
3. How do you feel about the risks involved in extreme sports?
4. Do you believe that pushing boundaries in sports can lead to personal growth?
7. How do you think social media influences people's interest in extreme sports?
8. What role does community play in supporting individuals who engage in extreme sports?
9. In your opinion, what is the difference between thrill-seeking and reckless behavior?
10. How do you think extreme sports can impact mental health or well-being?

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