

CHAPTER 14 – A NEW LIFE



**BEFORE YOU READ.** Look at the picture and read the title of the story.

1. Write your answers on the lines.
  1. Where are these people? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. What are they doing? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do you think about this sport? Check (✓) your answers.

WHAT I THINK ABOUT THIS SPORT			
<input type="checkbox"/>	It's fun.	<input type="checkbox"/>	It's unusual.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It's dangerous.	<input type="checkbox"/>	It's scary.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It's safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	It's exciting.

**A NEW LIFE**

Ivonne Mosquera was a very sick child. She had cancer. Her parents were very worried. They took her to many doctors in Venezuela, where they lived, but no one could help her. Ivonne's parents found a new doctor. The new doctor lived in the U.S., so Ivonne and her parents traveled to meet him. Ivonne was a very strong girl, and the doctor knew he could help her. The doctor operated on Ivonne at the hospital, and she got better.

The operation helped Ivonne, but she became blind. However, Ivonne's parents were very happy because Ivonne wasn't sick anymore. She had a new life because she was healthy again. When Ivonne got older, she decided to try many exciting things in her new life. So, when Ivonne was a teenager, she traveled alone to Paris as an exchange student. She left her family and school for a year and lived with a French family. Ivonne wanted to learn all about Paris. "My French family and I learned a lot from each other. They taught me to speak French, and I taught them to read Braille. It was a great year!" says Ivonne.

When Ivonne returned from Paris, she did many other new things, too. She learned to ski, dance, and play the piano. She also decided to go mountain climbing. She climbed to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. Mt. Kilimanjaro is a very difficult mountain to climb. It is very cold on the mountain, and the air near the top is very thin. People often get terrible headaches. But Ivonne reached the peak after four days. Ivonne's life is fun and exciting, and she is always ready to try something new. What will she try next?

1. **MAIN IDEA.** What is the most important idea of the story? Circle the letter.

1. Ivonne Mosquera always tries new and exciting things in her new life.
2. Ivonne Mosquera writes in Braille, plays the piano, skis, and speaks French.
3. Ivonne Mosquera climbed to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro in four days.

2. **JUST THE FACTS.** Circle Yes, No, or I don't know.

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|--|-----|----|--------------|
| 1. Ivonne lives in France.               | Yes | No | I don't know |
| 2. Ivonne speaks French.                 | Yes | No | I don't know |
| 3. Ivonne can see.                       | Yes | No | I don't know |
| 4. Ivonne can swim.                      | Yes | No | I don't know |
| 5. Ivonne can ski.                       | Yes | No | I don't know |
| 6. Ivonne went to college.               | Yes | No | I don't know |
| 7. Ivonne climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro alone. | Yes | No | I don't know |
| 8. Ivonne reads Braille.                 | Yes | No | I don't know |

3. **LEARN NEW WORDS.** Choose the correct words. Write them on the lines.

Blind   ~~Exchange~~   operated   reached   something   thin

1. Exchange students go to live with different families in other countries.
2. The doctor \_\_\_\_\_ on Ivonne at the hospital because she was very sick.
3. After four days of climbing, Ivonne \_\_\_\_\_ the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro.
4. It is very cold on the mountain, and it's difficult to breathe because the air near the top is very \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Ivonne is always ready to try \_\_\_\_\_ new and exciting.
6. Ivonne reads Braille because she is \_\_\_\_\_ and can't see.

4. **FIND THE ANSWERS.** With a partner, use sentences in Activity 3 to answer the questions.

1. Where do exchange students live?

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2. When did Ivonne reach the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro?

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3. Why did Ivonne learn to dance, ski, and climb mountains?

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4. Why does Ivonne read Braille?

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5. Why is it difficult to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro?

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6. Why did the doctor operate on Ivonne?

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5. **TALK IT OVER.** Complete this list of the things Ivonne did. Can you do these activities? Do you want to try them? Check (✓) the correct columns. Then share your answers with your classmates.

THINGS IVONNE DID	I CAN DO THIS.	I WANT TO TRY THIS.	I DON'T WANT TO TRY THIS.
<i>dancing</i>	✓		

6. **TAKE A SURVEY.** What three things in Activity 5 can your classmates do? Complete the chart.

ACTIVITIES	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
1. <i>dancing</i>	
2.	
3.	

7. **WRITE IT DOWN.** What new activity do you want to try? Why? Write two or three sentences about something from Activity 5 or about something else.

*I want to* \_\_\_\_\_ *because* \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHAPTERS 13 AND 14 – ACTIVITY MENU

1. **TIE IT TOGETHER.** With a partner, write each word in the correct column in the table below. Then add more words from Chapters 13 and 14.

Africa	Exciting	Happy	Operation
Athlete	Exercise	Mountain	Paris
Basketball	Exhausted	Mountain climbing	Piano
Doctors	Gym	Newspaper	Seniors

**MORE WORDS:**

PEOPLE	PLACES	THINGS	ACTIVITIES	FEELINGS
<i>athlete</i>				

2. **TALK IT OVER.** Think about the two stories. Then complete the chart below and talk about your answers with your classmates.

MAVIS ALBIN AND IVONNE MOSQUERA	
How are they similar?	How are they different?

3. **WRITE IT DOWN.** Look at your answers in Activity 2. Choose one answer from each column. Then complete the sentences below.

Ivonne Mosquera and Mavis Albin are similar because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Ivonne Mosquera and Mavis Albin are different because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# READ ON TWO

4. **JUST FOR FUN.** Unscramble the words. Then use the numbered letters to make a new word below.

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PAKE

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	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8

5. **GO ONLINE.** How high is Mt. Kilimanjaro? Use an Internet search engine like Google and type in "Mt. Kilimanjaro." Write your answer here.

Mt. Kilimanjaro is \_\_\_\_\_ high.