

Part 2

For questions 16–30, complete the following article by writing each missing word in the space provided. Use **only one word for each space**. The exercise begins with an example (0).

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Skiing at the limits

Screaming, Jonathan Elabor hurls himself (0) a straight line down the side of a mountain. (16) seconds, he is travelling at 209 kilometres an hour. (17) he can hear is his heart pounding at 210 beats a minute, and the hiss of the air over his skin-tight Lycra suit. “It’s like jumping from a high board (18) knowing whether the water’s there at the bottom,” he says. Elabor is Britain’s number one speed skier – a player in the latest, and (19) say craziest, addition (20) the winter sports scene.

The speed skier (21) plunging down a kilometre or more of a mountainside faster than a free-falling parachutist. He’s heading (22) a 100-metre-long timed stretch where radar guns (23) measure his speed as he flashes by in less than a second. The record, (24) by Monaco’s Michael Prufer, is 228 kilometres an hour – which is more than twice as fast as the legal speed limit (25) travelling inside the protective steel cage of a car in the UK.

Speed skiing, (26) motor racing, is a sport driven by technology. In fact, the technology is similar – (27) use advanced materials developed for (28) aerospace business, and aerodynamics carefully researched in wind tunnels. (29) , speed skiers are not surrounded by a million-pound car and a huge team of engineers. They’re (30) their own.

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