

# 7 CLIL Extreme Fishing

## Summary

Eric is an extreme fisherman from the US. We follow him from Devil's River in Texas to San Diego, California, as he goes in search of extreme forms of fishing. He and his friend catch a big shark, which they put back into the water.

### Background

Extreme fishing is a part of the extreme sport phenomenon, in which people put themselves at risk of serious injury by doing dangerous activities.

## Before you watch

### 1 Answer the question.

- Ask the class: *What extreme sports can you name?*
- Elicit students' answers and write them on the board.

#### Suggested answers

bungee jumping, hanggliding, caving, skydiving

## While you watch

### 2 Watch and find out.

- Tell students they are going to watch a video about a man who practises extreme fishing.
- Play the video and ask students to find out whether Eric keeps the shark he catches.

#### Answer

no

### 3 Watch and order.

- Write the following sentences on the board about Eric's fishing trips for students to order:
  - Eric catches a striped bass.
  - Eric goes to San Diego.
  - Eric catches a shark.
  - Eric goes to New York.
  - Eric kayaks on Devils River.
- Play the video again. Students watch and order the sentences.
- Check answers with the class.

#### Answers

e – d – a – b – c

## After you watch

### 4 Work with a partner. Answer the questions.

- Put students into pairs to answer the following questions:
  - What do you think of extreme fishing?
  - Is fishing a popular hobby in your country?
- Ask some students to report back to the class on their partner's ideas.

## Extension Activity

### 5 Plan a fishing trip.

- Tell students to plan a fishing trip in their country.
- Brainstorm information that students could include in their descriptions, e.g. where they would go, what fish they would try to catch.
- Collect and check students' work in the next lesson.

### 6 Find out about an extreme sport.

- Ask students to find out about what the following extreme sports involve, where they are done, what equipment you need to do them, why they are popular.
  - BASE jumping
  - parkour
  - sandboarding
- Students can share what they learn in the next lesson.

### Background

**BASE jumping** involves a parachute jump from the top of a building or a mountain rather than out of an aeroplane. The acronym 'BASE' stands for building, antennae, span and earth.

**Parkour** involves moving rapidly through an urban environment by jumping and climbing over obstacles.

**Sandboarding** is very similar in style to snowboarding, but takes place on sand dunes.



## Extreme Fishing

In Texas, in the United States, there's a river called Devils River.

**Drew:** *It's a good one here. Ready?*

It's called Devils River because the water is sometimes dangerous. It's a great place for kayaking and for fishing.

**Eric:** *Whoa!*

But you mustn't be afraid of the water here!

Now Eric is looking for more extreme fishing – in New York City? Well, the ocean is *near* New York City...

First, Eric must wear the right clothes. A wetsuit –

**Rudy:** *Perfect.*

**Eric:** *How do I look?*

– and a 6-kilogram belt to help him stay under water. Eric also needs flippers to swim, mask to see, a snorkel to breathe, and a spear gun to catch fish.

**Eric:** *YEAH! I got a striped bass! Boom!*

For some *really* extreme fishing, Eric goes to San Diego, California. He and his friend go out on a boat to fish for ... SHARKS!

**Eric:** *Whoa.*

**Dave:** *Don't fall in!*

**Eric:** *OK. Good idea, Dave.*

**Dave:** *You'll be dead.*

**Eric:** *Good idea.*

**Dave:** *Alright. He sees it. He's coming at it. Right out there. Here he comes. He's turning for it. Hit 'em. Yeah! Keep that tension on him. He's the big one.*

**Eric:** *Oh, there he goes. This is it. The excitement.*

The shark tries to escape, but he can't.

**Eric:** *Oh man!*

The shark is *very* strong. It takes Eric *30 minutes* to catch it.

**Eric:** *EHH! I got him. I got him.*

**Dave:** *Nice!*

**Eric:** *Nice!*

**Dave:** *That is a BIG shark.*

**Eric:** *Yeah!*

It's a beautiful shark – about one and a half metres long.

But they don't want to eat it, so they put it back in the water.

**Eric:** *And off he goes.*

**Dave:** *There he goes!*

Now *that's* extreme fishing!