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Which Ideas Need Quotation Marks?

Determine which of the following ideas taken from Williamson (n.d.) and Smith (2006) would need to be identified as quotes – and exactly which words *are* quoted (place quotation marks around those words) – OR revise the sentence so that it is an appropriate paraphrase. You may also need to indicate that the original has been changed (through square brackets []) or that information from the original has been omitted (through three periods ...).

Original:	Extreme Sports are nontraditional sports and activities that require participants to combine athletic skill with pronounced risk.
Your version:	In extreme sports, participants combine athletic skill and pronounced risk (Williamson, n.d.)
Revision:	
Original:	We have been successful in eliminating the vast majority of risk from our daily lives.
Your version:	People have successfully eliminated most dangers from their daily lives (Smith, 2006).
Revision:	
Original:	Another reason for increased participation in extreme sports is enhanced sports technology For example, the invention of sticky rubber-soled climbing shoes and artificial climbing walls broadened the appeal of rock climbing.
Your version:	Enhanced sports equipment, like climbing shoes with rubber soles, has contributed to more
	people trying out rock climbing (Williamson, n.d.).
Revision:	

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Original:	The predisposition to risk-taking is not a new genetic development. It is likely hardwired into our evolutionary makeup from ancient times, when our survival depended upon the ability to hunt and defend ourselves from attack from predators or other humans.
Your version:	The predisposition to risk-taking is hardwired into humans' evolutionary makeup because survival depended on the ability to hunt and defending themselves (Smith, 2006).
Revision:	

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Answers:

Original: Extreme Sports are nontraditional sports and activities that require participants to combine

athletic skill with pronounced risk.

Your version: In extreme sports, participants combine athletic skill and pronounced risk (Williamson, n.d.).

Revision (1): In extreme sports, people combine high athleticism and very risky behavior (Williamson,

n.d.).

Revision (2): In extreme sports, "participants ... combine athletic skill [and] pronounced risk" (Williamson,

n.d., para.1).

Original: We have been successful in eliminating the vast majority of risk from our daily lives.

Your version: People have successfully eliminated most dangers from their daily lives (Smith, 2006).

Revision (1): People have successfully eliminated most dangers "from [their] daily lives" (Smith, 2006,

para. 6).

Revision (2): People have successfully eliminated most dangers in everyday life (Smith, 2006).

Original: Another reason for increased participation in extreme sports is enhanced sports technology.

For example, the invention of sticky rubber-soled climbing shoes and artificial climbing walls

broadened the appeal of rock climbing.

Your version: Enhanced sports equipment, like climbing shoes with rubber soles, has contributed to more

people trying out rock climbing (Williamson, n.d.).

Revision (1): Improved athletic equipment, like footgear with rubber soles, have contributed to more

people trying out rock climbing (Williamson, n.d.).

Revision (2): "Enhanced sports technology," like "climbing shoes" with rubber soles, has contributed to

more people trying out rock climbing (Williamson, n.d., para. 3).

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our evolutionary makeup from ancient times, when our survival depended upon the ability

to hunt and defend ourselves from attack from predators or other humans.

Your version: The predisposition to risk-taking is hardwired into humans' evolutionary makeup because

survival depended on the ability to hunt and defending themselves (Smith, 2006).

Revision (1): "The predisposition to risk-taking is ... hardwired into [humans'] evolutionary makeup"

because "survival depended [on] the ability to hunt and defend [themselves]" (Smith, 2006,

para. 6).

Revision (2): People's disposition toward taking risks has evolved in their genes over thousands of years

because people's likelihood of surviving was directly connected to whether or not people

were able to escape from dangers (Smith, 2006).