Debate stimulus sheet

"This house believes that you have to take risks in life"

Are all risks worth taking? Are some risks better than others?

- What does it mean to be a risk-taker?
- Are there different kinds of risk-taking? Can you think of any examples?
- What does being successful mean? Does it mean different things to different people?
- How might taking risks make us successful?
- How can you decide if a risk is worth taking or not?
- Can risk-taking be dangerous?
- What should you be willing to risk? Your friends? Your money? Your safety?
- Who do you admire? Did they take any risks?

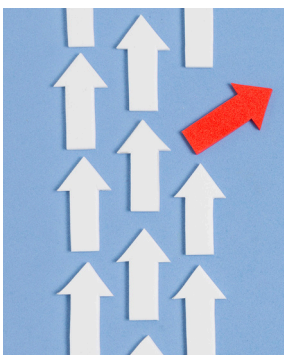
Key facts

- By taking risks during lessons, children will sometimes get things wrong. This can help them to learn and to develop resilience.
- Many activities — such as horse-riding, skiing or skateboarding — can be seen as risky. However, risks can be lowered by using the right safety equipment.
- Astronaut, Neil Armstrong, was a famous risk-taker and in 1969, he became the first man to walk on the moon.

Do you think that doctors, teachers, pupils, footballers, business people and airline pilots should all take risks?

'The biggest risk is not taking any risk.'

Mark Zuckerberg,
Facebook CEO



Vocabulary

resilience
failure
success
safety
risk management

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