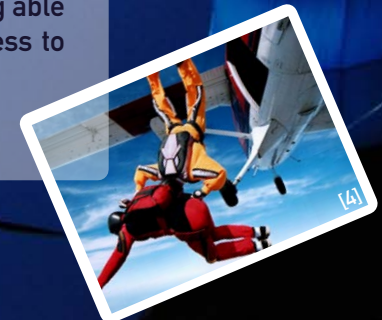


SKYDIVING

Skydiving is an extreme sport that many people consider to be one of the most dangerous sports. Skydiving is not as expensive as people may think. A parachute will run you about \$300-\$1000 and jump tickets are about \$17 per jump. As well as equipment, this sport requires athleticism and fitness. However, skydiving is not that strenuous. As a form of play, skydiving falls into all three categories: locomotor, object and social. First, we begin with locomotor. As I stated before, the sport is not strenuous because you are free falling in the air not putting pressure onto any part on the body [2]. Yet, when skydiving, you must learn skills such as coordination, agility and timing because a lot of the fun in skydiving is being able to flip, jump, move and glide your body elegantly through the air. When skydiving, these are the some examples of the skills you will learn: skydiving safety, free falling, operating the parachute and how to land as well as tandem training and static line training [2][3]. Once you move from a beginner to an expert level, you begin to socially interact with other divers in order to better your stands and see what new maneuvers you can do. As well as learning new things from others, you will begin to start jumping in teams. This is where social play comes into action. Teams will create elaborate structural shapes and ornate dancing while in the air. However, learning social skills does not just happen while in the air but also social bonding. While on the ground, divers will camp together, talk about elevations, wind conditions and of course the equipment. All divers need a parachute, which is the object needed to play. Interacting with the parachute is necessary and without it you would die. [1] Yet, there are no real skills gained from the parachute other than surviving, so it can be said that this object is not a form of play in skydiving.

On average forty people die yearly from skydiving accidents, which is 100 less, then shark attacks [4]. The cost of dying is the highest risk in skydiving as well as the expense of the sport. Most divers skydive for fun yet others become famous stuntmen as well as making a living off opening their own shop and teach others to dive. Divers would say that being a daredevil definitely helps them in the reproduction field but it is debatable due to the fact that every jump could be the last. The primary benefits of diving are the social bonds that are made between one another while in the air. Being able to share risks and depend on one another to survive is what, in the end, could help the success to recreate.



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