

24c Extreme Racer

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Conjunctions are words that join two single words or two groups of words, e.g. *and*, *but*, *or*, *so*.

Underline the conjunctions in these sentences from the book *Extreme Racer*. The first one has been done for you.

1. I stumble and my arms fly all over the place, but I don't fall over.
2. I begin to puff, but I'm not tired.
3. I pull on my goggles as I run down to the water.
4. The front wheel of my bike is bent so I have to push the bike along.
5. I go slowly because my arm and leg hurt.

Use these conjunctions to fill in the blanks below –

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I get up slowly _____ other riders ride past me.

I feel tired, _____ there's still a long way to go.

The ground is uneven _____ I stumble three _____ four times.

I can see the finish line ahead, _____ I stumble on to get there.

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A lot of planning and organisation go into a sports event such as an extreme race. Look through the book again, particularly at the illustrations. List some of the people and objects needed for the race to be safe and fun.

Time keeper (page 6) _____

Life guard (page 11) _____

Now plan your own extreme race. What sports will you include? What distances will the racers go? Where will the event take place?

On a separate sheet of paper, draw a plan of the race.

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The story *Extreme Racer* is written in the first person. This means that Lucas himself is telling the story. The words *I* and *my* are used throughout the book.

Read the opening paragraph below and underline the words that tell you this story is written in the first person.

Hi, my name is Lucas. I'm about to begin an extreme race. It's been hard for me to train because I have mild cerebral palsy. This means I can't always control my arms and legs. My friend has come along in her wheelchair to watch me.

Now rewrite this paragraph in the third person. The third person means that someone else is telling the story ABOUT Lucas. The first part has been done for you.

This boy's name is Lucas. He is about to begin an extreme race. It's been hard for him to train _____

Why do some authors write in the first person and some authors write in the third person? What difference does it make to the story? Find one story written in the first person and one written in the third person. Compare them. Which one do you like best? Why?