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Writing Assignment #4

In this assignment, you are going to write a summary of “*Risk-takers: Who are they?*” on page 69&70. To successfully complete this project, think of the lessons you have learnt in unit 4, namely vocabulary, the readings, grammar, and writing skills.

In this summary, you must:

- summarize the most relevant information
- use infinitive phrases
- use attributive language
- write at least 150 words, yet no more than 200 words.

Start your writing below:

In the article "Risk-takers: Who are they?", Dr. Charlie Wittman explores various biological and psychological factors that drive individuals to engage in dangerous activities. Wittman (2012) suggests that risk-taking behavior is not merely a choice, but is often rooted in complex brain chemistry. Research shows that certain individuals have fewer active dopamine receptors, which causes their nerve cells to be flooded with the chemical during risky tasks. This creates an intense state of euphoria that can become addictive. Beyond biology, the author highlights the psychological concept of "sensation-seeking". According to Zuckerman (1964), this is a personality trait that leads people to seek pleasure in new and intense experiences. Furthermore, the text points out that age plays a critical role; the prefrontal cortex, which is the part of the brain used to make sound judgments, does not fully develop until the mid-20s. Finally, Wittman states that gender and familiarity influence how people perceive danger. While men often take more physical risks, women may be more likely to take social risks. Ultimately, Wittman concludes that while none of these theories are definitive, a combination of nature and nurture determines one's willingness to disregard potential consequences.