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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:

The article “*Risk-takers: Who are they?*” examines why some people are more willing to take risks than others. The author introduces Jamie, a young banker, to illustrate how certain individuals choose dangerous activities to seek excitement and pleasure. According to researchers, biological factors strongly influence risk-taking behavior. Scientists explain that dopamine, a brain chemical, affects the reward system and motivates people to repeat thrilling experiences. Studies conducted at universities reveal that risk-takers often have fewer dopamine receptors, which encourages them to pursue stronger stimulation.

In addition, psychologists argue that sensation-seeking is an important personality trait. Zuckerman identifies thrill-seeking, experience-seeking, disinhibition, and boredom susceptibility as key components. Research on twins also suggests that genes partly determine this tendency to engage in risky actions. Furthermore, age plays a role. Experts from the National Institute of Mental Health state that adolescents lack a fully developed prefrontal cortex, making it difficult to make sound judgments and minimize danger.

Finally, regarding gender, researchers at Columbia Business School claim that men and women differ mainly in the *type* of risks they take. In conclusion, as the evidence shows, people take risks due to a combination of biological, psychological, and developmental influences.