

Exercise 4

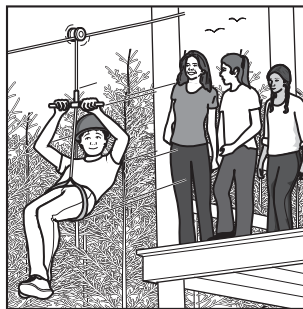
- 13** Read the article about a teenager's day trip to Treetop World, an adventure park in the forest where people can climb high in the trees.

Write a summary about the advice given to people who are planning to go to Treetop World.

Your summary should be about 80 words long (and no more than 90 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

Adventure in the trees



I loved climbing trees as a child, so for my birthday last weekend my friends knew exactly where to take me – a day out to Treetop World! The only way to describe Treetop World is an adventure park high in the forest. You experience climbing and swinging across the treetops on ropes and ladders, all in a safe environment with expert guides to help.

Our tickets were booked for 14:00, but I'd definitely recommend arriving early. This is a good idea as you can watch the people already climbing high in the trees. It looked a bit scary but lots of fun, although one man dropped his phone onto the ground below. Obviously, it's a good idea to put your belongings into a zipped pocket! And if possible leave anything valuable at home.

At 14:00 our guide, Jed, gave us our safety talk, which everyone has to attend. It included some useful tips. He made the talk entertaining, and when I was up in the trees feeling slightly nervous, I was glad I remembered what he'd said. So listen carefully to your guide – you won't regret it.

To get up in the trees, we had to climb a 150-metre ladder to the first platform. I was chosen as the first person to swing across to the next branch. I felt unsure, but took a deep breath and stepped forwards. Suddenly I was rushing through the air like a bird, landing safely at the next tree. I loved it!

The course is easy at first and gets more challenging, but my confidence increased as I got used to the equipment. Guides monitor you from the forest floor, so if you get a little scared or have a question, just ask them for help.

After two hours swinging in the trees, we were covered in dust! One thing I'd suggest is wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty. And the park remains open even in the rain, so you might want to bring a waterproof jacket. We returned home after a great day out, feeling exhausted but very happy!