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Quick Start

- When was this article written?
- How many cells is a parachute usually made up of?
- What shape are modern parachutes?

Vocabulary Check

- If you're **curious** about skydiving
- **intimately** involved
- Creating a **structured** wing
- How parachutes **descend**

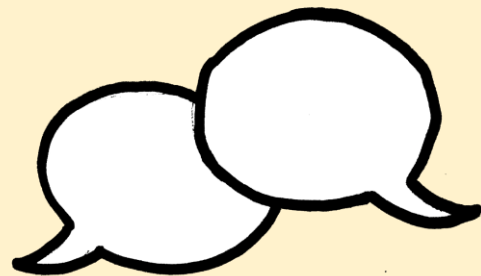
Individual Thinking



What is the purpose of this article?

Why might someone choose to read it?

Partnered Talk



‘More advanced parachute pilots use a technique called ‘swooping’ which increases their rate of descent and creates a swooshing sound as they come in to land.’

Why do you think only more advanced parachute pilots would attempt this technique?

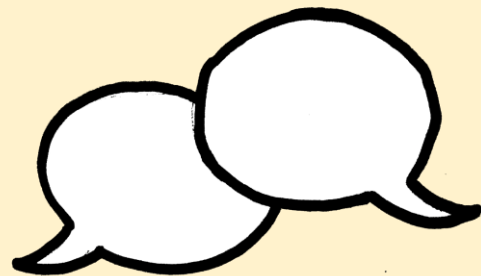
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Who can pack their own parachutes?

Explain why this is the case.

Partnered Talk



Explain why the author has chosen to include subheadings.

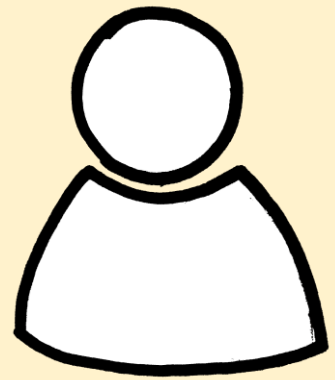
What is their purpose?

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How are parachutes different today than they were in the past?

Solo Work



Choose one word to describe a parachute journey.

Explain why you have chosen this word.