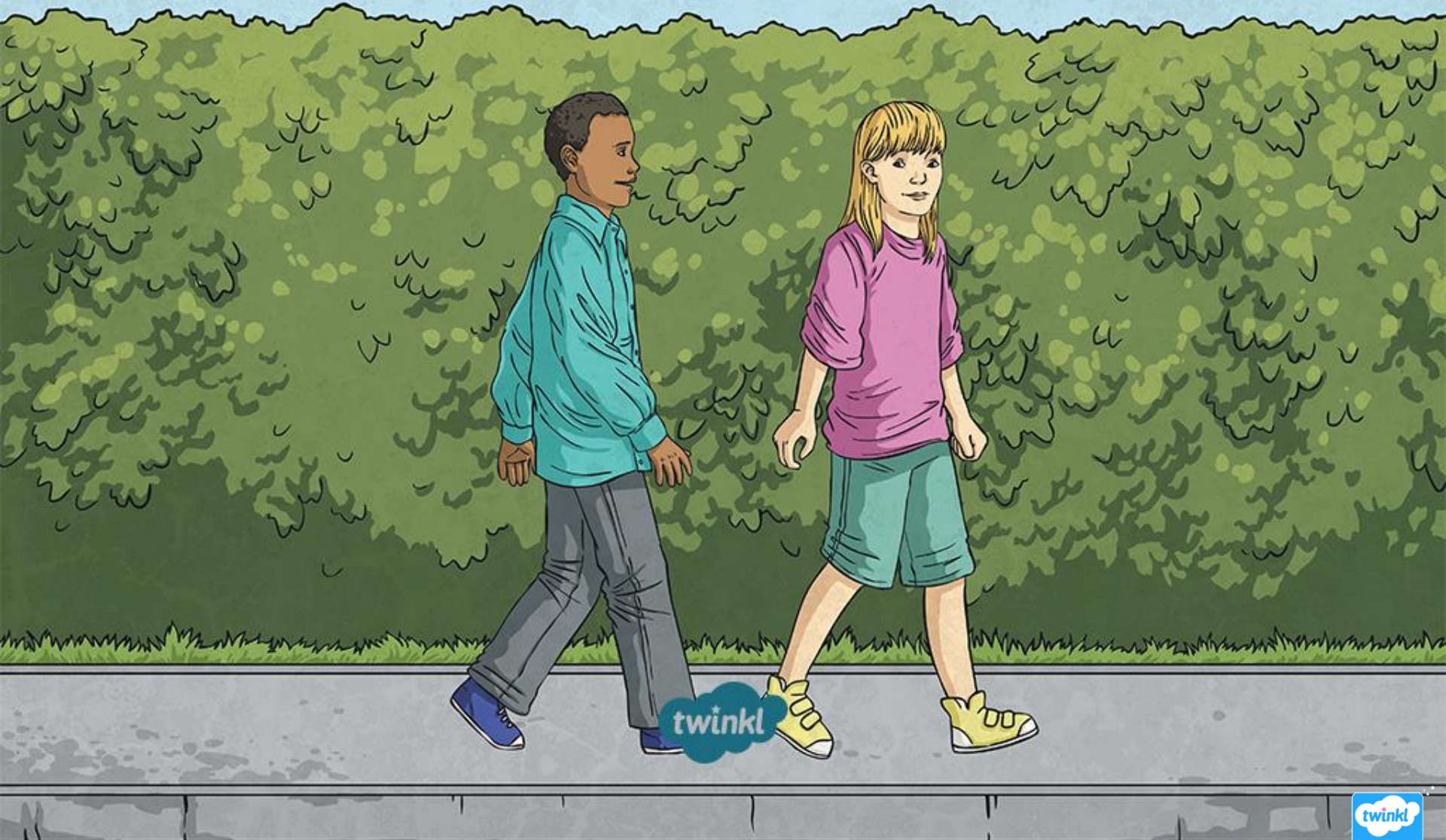


Taking Risks



Risk

Risk is when there is a possibility of something dangerous or unpleasant happening.

Everyone takes risks sometimes. We have to take risks to take on new challenges and try new things. Sometimes it's great to take a risk and step outside of your comfort zone; it's one way we learn.

Many risks are not considered in any way dangerous; however, some risks can lead to danger and we have to assess each situation carefully and beware of the potential risks.



Types of Risk

There are different types of risk.
Here are some:

Health

A health risk is a risk that could potentially damage your body in some way, causing injury or illness.

Example:

Going running without your inhaler nearby when you have asthma.



Social

A social risk is a risk that could potentially harm friendships.

Example:

Talking about your friend behind their back.



Legal

A legal risk is when your actions are against the law and, if caught, you could get in trouble with police.

Example:

Vandalising a bus shelter.



Financial

A financial risk is when there is a chance that money could be lost.

Example:

Playing slot machines at an arcade.

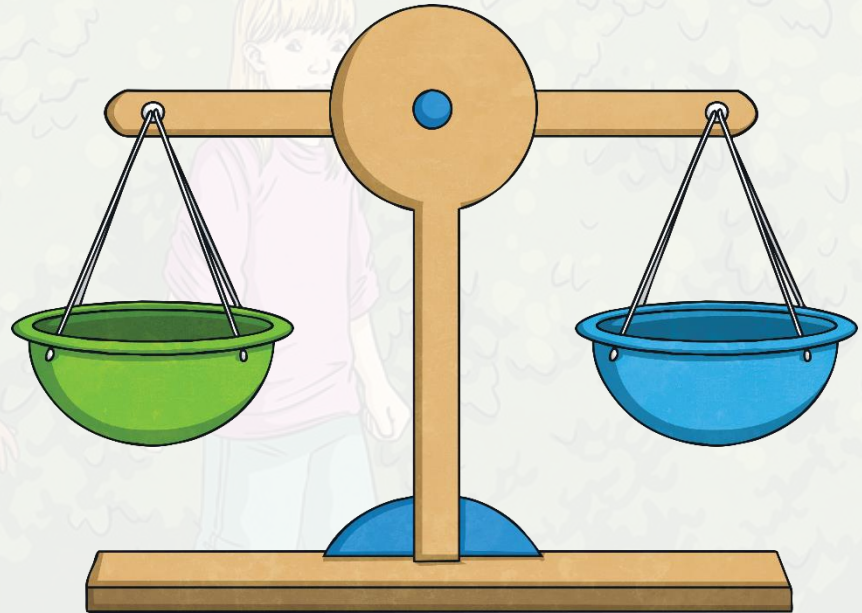
Positive Risks and Negative Risks

Positive Risks

Some risks are not all bad and can have positive outcomes. Positive risks can be defined where the outcome is greater than the potential risks involved.

Negative Risks

Negative risks are risks that are dangerous and can cause harm.



Positive or Negative Risk?



Telling your teacher about bullying you have witnessed.

Positive



Eating a sweet given to you by a stranger.

Negative



Taking a packet of crisps from a shop without paying.

Negative



Joining a new sports club where you don't know anyone.

Positive

Reasons for Taking a Risk

There are many different reasons why people take risks. Some of these reasons include:

Thinking it is exciting;
Wanting to impress someone;
Peer-pressure;
Challenging themselves;



Drinking alcohol and taking drugs can also increase a person's likelihood of engaging in risky behaviour.

Can you think of any more reasons?



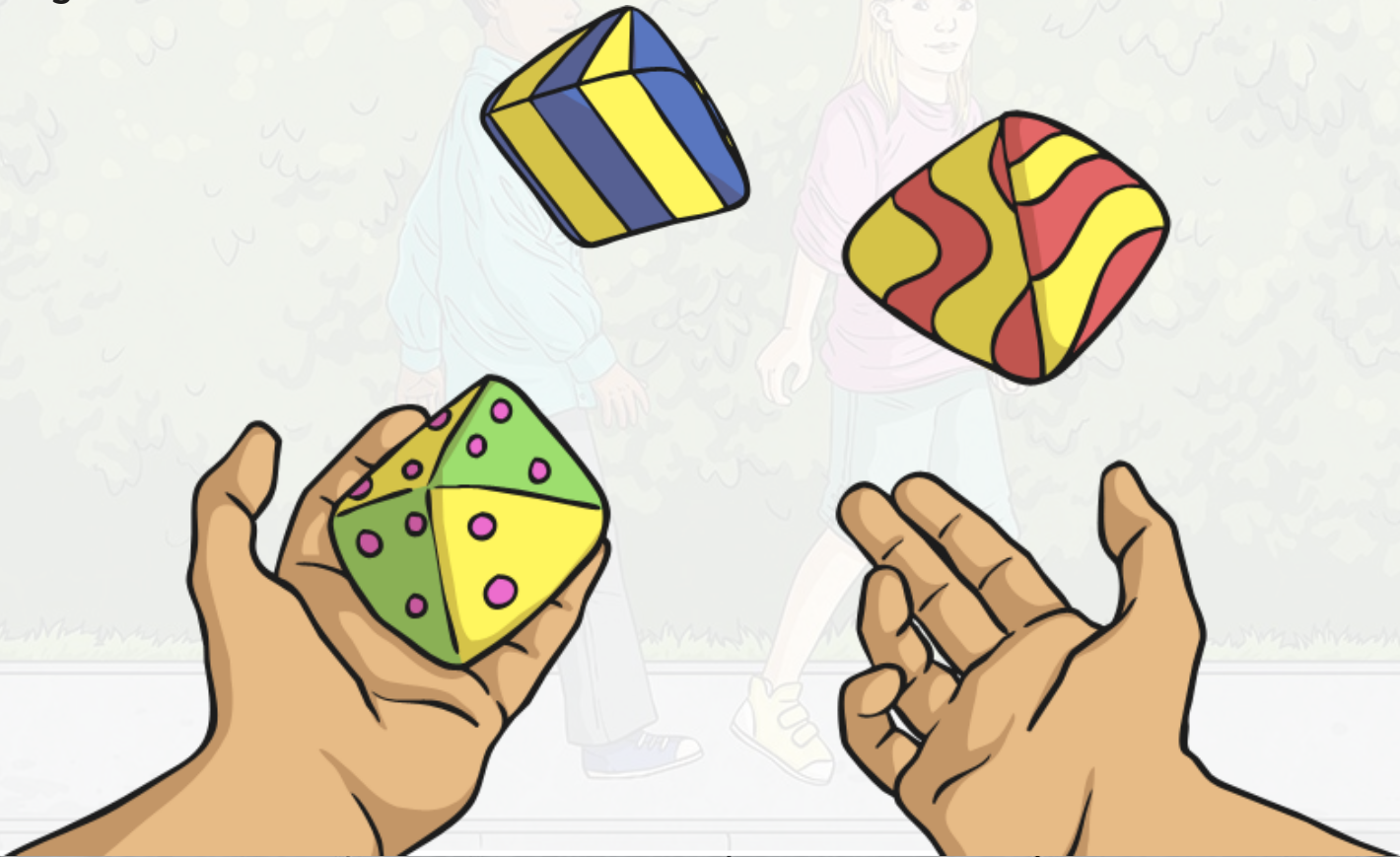
Would You Risk It?

Some friends are going to the park when they should be at school. They have asked you to join them and are teasing you when you say no. Would you risk it?



Would You Risk It?

The school talent show is coming up and you have a secret talent you haven't told anyone about. You are worried your friends will laugh at you. Would you risk it?



Would You Risk It?

Your teacher has given you some maths questions to do and the answers are on the back of the worksheet. Your teacher has told you not to look. You are really stuck on one question and the teacher is busy with another group. You are thinking about looking at the answers to help you. Would you risk it?



Can You Think of Another Example?

Can you think of an example of a positive risk?

Can you think of an example of a negative risk?





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