

ARBETSBLAD



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POP REEL 2: SLACKLINING, INDIA ART FAIR AND CLEAN BANDIT

Can doing tricks on a tightrope really be relaxing? Slacklining means walking and doing tricks on a piece of one inch line pulled tight between two points. It is also used as a form of meditation, physical and mental training.

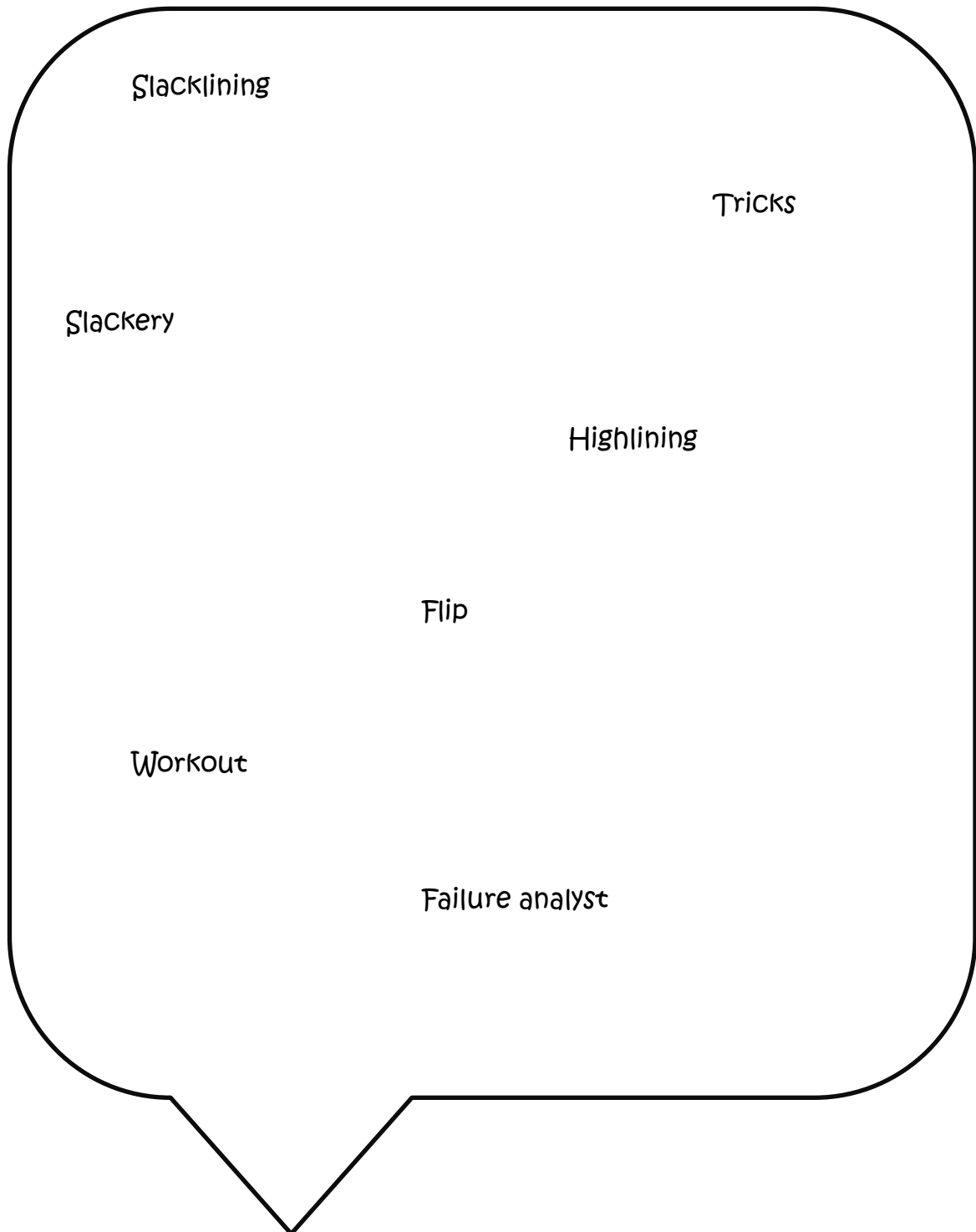
Neha Kirpal is the founder of Art Fair India. She decided to start the fair because she became interested in the relationship between art and social life during her time as a student at the University of Arts in London. At the time, there were no large-scale art fairs in India, but with Kirpal's vision and determination, this was set to change.

Meet the music group Clean Bandit in an interview and listen to them when they tell us how they want us to listen to their music.



A. LISTEN AND WRITE

Below you will find expressions used in the program. In what context are they used and what do they mean, do you think? Try to figure it out while watching the program, then discuss with a friend to see if you got it right.



B DISCUSS IN CLASS

- Neha Kirpal wants to join art and social issues. Do you think art is good for that? If you would express something that was important to you, which art form would you choose and why?
- One of the issues mentioned in the programme is “missing girls”. What other important problems or topics could be addressed through art? Have you seen any exhibitions with social issues and art? Are there any social issues in Sweden right now that you think could be good to work with through art?
- What type of art do you like? Is art important? Why? Why not? What can be expressed through art? What can't be expressed through art? What art form do you prefer?
- Some of the people who do slacklining think it should be considered an extreme sport. Why are extreme sports so popular? Extreme sports are often compared to meditation, deep relaxation and joy. Why? What is making you feel relaxed or meditative? If you would try an extreme sport, what would it be?





C RESEARCH THE WORD/EXPRESSION

What do these words/expressions mean? Try to see if you can find them on the internet.

❖ Founder: _____

❖ Boost: _____

❖ Contemporary: _____

❖ Interior Designer: _____

❖ By-line: _____

❖ Vanity: _____

❖ Approach: _____

❖ Intuition: _____

❖ Sensitivity: _____

❖ Trafficking: _____

❖ Installation: _____

❖ Rebel: _____

❖ Chord: _____

❖ Harmony: _____



D EXTRA MATERIAL

- Look at these definitions of the word *slacker*:

- ***slacker* in the Urban Dictionary:**

Someone who puts off doing things to the last minute, and when the last minute comes, decides it wasn't all that important anyway and forgets about it.

- ***slacker* in www.oxforddictionaries.com:**

A person who avoids work or effort.

Are you a slacker? Is it ok to be a slacker? How does a slacker spend his/her days? Write an essay with one of the titles:

1. *I'm a slacker and I'm proud of it!*
2. *Me? A slacker? No way!*

- Find out more about Indian contemporary female artists. Search the Internet for pictures and information about Neha Kirpal and Raseel Gujral. Present it in class. Don't forget to mention your sources!
- Prepare a presentation about Clean Bandits. Who are the members? What type of music do they play? Let the class listen to a song. Create a gap text with one of the lyrics and let your classmates do a listening exercise.
- Find out more about slacklining, tricklining, highlining and yogalining. Search the Internet for pictures and information. Present it in class. Don't forget to keep track of your sources!
- Prepare a presentation about an extreme sport that you find interesting. Show the class a YouTube clip of the sport and tell them about it.



E RADIO POPREEL LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen to Radio Popreel and answer the questions.

1. What is tricklining?

- a) When you do tricks, flips and turns on a slack line.
- b) When you meditate on a line.
- c) When you skate on a line.

2. How wide is the line?

- a) 14 cm
- b) 4 cm
- c) 15 cm

3. When was slacklining invented?

- a) In the 1950s
- b) In the 1960s
- c) In the 1970s

4. Who invented slacklining?

- a) A slacker named Tom Ryder.
- b) It was invented by mountain climbers.
- c) It was invented by Clyde Rymers.

5. What is the double meaning of the word "slacker"?

- a) A slack line and somebody who walks the line.
- b) Someone who does slacklining and someone who has no ambitions.
- c) A lazy person and a type of trousers.

6. In what way can slacklining be like meditation?

- a) You focus completely on what you are doing.
- b) You can relax and take a nap on the line.
- c) You usually sit on the line in a full lotus posture.

7. What is it that makes the cultural scene in India so rich according to Neha Kirpal?

- a) Art has always been important in India.
- b) The big cities.
- c) There are many modern and emerging young artists.

8. What is the main problem in India at the moment, according to Raseel Gujral?
- a) Poverty
 - b) Education and women's social position in rural areas.
 - c) Politics
9. What is Leena Kejriwal's photography about?
- a) Missing girls
 - b) People in general
 - c) Traffic jams
10. When did the English artist Alec Cumming come to India?
- a) In 2010
 - b) Two years ago
 - c) Six months ago
11. What inspires him?
- a) The chaos, the colours and the smells.
 - b) The language.
 - c) The landscape and the cows.
12. Where is Clean Bandit from?
- a) New Delhi
 - b) Ireland
 - c) England



Key to listening comprehension:

- 1) a
- 2) b
- 3) c
- 4) b
- 5) b
- 6) a
- 7) c
- 8) b
- 9) a
- 10) a
- 11) a
- 12) c

