

Summit Survivors

Mixed questions

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1. According to the text, how many feet above sea level is Everest?

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1 mark

2. Look at the section beginning, '**Before now**'.

Complete the sentence below.

Before now, many unsuccessful attempts have been recorded but...

- ☐ this did not frighten this new team of individuals.
- ☐ this did not deter this new team of individuals.
- ☐ this did not deter this new team.
- ☐ this did not deter this individual.

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3. According to the text, two men reached the summit of Everest for the first time.

What were their names?

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4. According to the text, what other event was taking place which was a reason for celebration?

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5. **'Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal...'**

What does the word **'sherpa'** mean in this sentence?

- ☐ a local expert in mountaineering
- ☐ a local trader
- ☐ the King
- ☐ a farmer

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6. Look at the paragraph beginning, **'Today is a day for celebrations'.**

'The people of Britain have hailed the relentless pair for their bravery.'

This means that the people of Britain...

- ☐ thought their bravery was foolish
- ☐ protested against the attempted climb
- ☐ were surprised the man survived the freezing conditions
- ☐ praised the brave men

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7. **'When they reached the top, the two men embraced each other with relief and joy.'**

Which of the following is closest in meaning to **'embraced'**?

- ☐ high-fived
- ☐ shook hands
- ☐ kissed
- ☐ hugged

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8. Look at the paragraph beginning, **'Within those fifteen minutes'.**

Find and copy a **group of words** which has the same meaning as **'brave pair'**.

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9. Look at the paragraph beginning, **'Hillary is already considering his next expedition'.**

Find and copy **one word** from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to **'gave a clue'**.

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10. Colonel John Hunt said ‘**when I saw how exhausted they looked! I had already started planning another attempt in my head.**’

This suggests that he...

- ☐ was inspired to attempt the climb
- ☐ thought the men had enjoyed the adventure
- ☐ thought the men had failed to reach the summit of Everest
- ☐ thought the men would like to go back up to the summit again the next day

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11. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

Fact **Opinion**

It would be great fun to climb Everest.

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The summit of Everest is the highest point on Earth.

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The men reached the summit at 11:30am on 29th May 1953.

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12. Look at the paragraph beginning, ‘**Unfortunately, they found nothing.**’

Find and copy a **group of words** that shows the two men had determination and immense kindness.

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1 mark

13. The men’s attempt to reach the summit of Everest could best be described as...

- ☐ a spontaneous and lucky attempt
- ☐ an insignificant achievement
- ☐ a very carefully planned and prepared expedition
- ☐ a short stroll up a mountain

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14. Look at the paragraph beginning, ‘**When they reached the top.**’

Find and copy **one word** which shows Hillary was a person who likes to promote the well-being of others.

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1 mark



15. 'After a life-changing fifteen minutes at the top, the tenacious two began their slow and torturous descent to rejoin their team leader'.

The word 'tenacious' suggests that the men were...

- ☐ frightened
- ☐ determined
- ☐ foolish
- ☐ freezing

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1 mark

16. Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

True False

Tenzing buried gifts for the gods at the summit of Everest.

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Colonel John Hunt took the photos at the summit of Everest.

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The newspaper article was written on 30th May 1953.

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The first recorded attempt to reach the summit of Everest was in 1921.

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17. Look at the paragraph beginning, 'Today is a day for celebrations.'

Find and copy two different words that show the men's sleep at the camp the evening before reaching the summit, was not peaceful.

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18. Look at the first paragraph.

What suggests that this event is important?

Give **two** things.

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