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Conquering Everest

by Kimberly M. Hutmacher

Mount Everest is the tallest mountain on Earth. Its peak is located on the border between Nepal and Tibet in China. It is part of the great Himalayan Mountain range.

For many years, climbers tried and failed to reach the summit of Mount Everest. In 1953, the British put everything they had into giving it one more try. They hoped that their climbers would reach the top in time for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.



Ten different climbers from all over the world were chosen to make the trek. In April and May, supplies were relayed up the mountain, and camps were set up every 1,000 to 2,000 feet.



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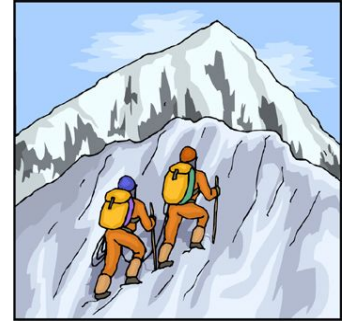


When they returned home, journalists kept asking the two men who reached the summit first. Each time they were asked, the response was the same: "We reached it together, as a team."

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- a. the first people who climbed on Mount Everest
 - b. the location of Mount Everest
 - c. the first climbers to reach the top of Mount Everest
 - d. the first time Queen Elizabeth climbed Mount Everest

2. How many years ago did this story take place?
Show your work in the space to the right.

3. Read the following sentence from the article and choose the meaning for the underlined word. Use a dictionary if you don't know the answer.

They hoped that their climbers would reach the top before the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

- a. birth
 - b. special feast held by a king or queen
 - c. birthday celebration
 - d. ceremony for crowning a king or queen
4. Where is Mount Everest Located?
- a. in Asia
 - b. in Western Europe
 - c. in North America
 - d. in South America



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Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the article.
Then, write the full word on the line.

1. ___ u ___ i ___

clue: top of a mountain

1. _____

2. ___ ___ t ___ h

clue: from the United Kingdom

2. _____

3. ___ r ___

clue: journey on foot

3. _____

4. ___ ___ t s

clue: acts of skill, strength, or courage

4. _____

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7. ___ ___ a ___ e d

clue: passed something along from one person to another

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1. s u m m i t

1. summit

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