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**A mountain climber speaks**

Why do I climb mountains?

That's easy. I love being with nature. I love breathing mountain air. And I love exercise.

Mountain climbing is also a challenge. I like to test myself and push myself to the limit. Am I scared? Sometimes. Once I was climbing in the Snowy Mountains, in Australia, and suddenly I saw a huge brown snake on the rock next to me. I waited and it soon went away. I was shaking like a leaf!

Would I climb Mount Everest? I don't think so. For one thing, it's too cold. It's also too expensive. And I'm just an amateur.

My dream? My dream is to climb Mount Cook one day. That's the highest mountain in New Zealand. I would love to see that view!

1. Why does the writer like mountain climbing?

2. What scary experience did he have in the Snowy Mountains?

3. Does he want to climb Mount Everest? Why or why not?

4. Which mountain does he want to climb in the future?

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