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READING COMPREHENSION



Climbing Everest isn't an easy task, but now there are many people who do it every year. Some of them are professional climbers, but a lot of them are just tourists. Some aren't fit enough to make the difficult ascent alone and they pay between 10,000–100,000 euros to get to the top. They pay for guides, oxygen and all the equipment they need to climb the mountain.

This is very bad for the mountain because the base camps are usually full of people and a lot of rubbish. It's also bad for the professional climbers. They dream all their life of standing on the top of the world, but in the end it isn't special at all. There are hundreds of people who begin their ascent at the same time. So, there's always a queue and people wait up to three hours to climb the last few metres to the summit. 'It's the highest traffic jam in the world,' many climbers say.

With so many climbers, there are record breakers. Jordan Romero is the youngest person to climb Everest (in 2010 at the age of 13) and Yuichiro Miura is the oldest (in 2013 at the age of 80). It sounds more like a competition than a personal dream.

fit: en forma

queue: cua de gent

just: només

few: pocs

enough: sufficient

jam: embús

rubbish: brossa

summit: cim

1. Read and say True (T), False (F) or Doesn't Say (DS):

1. Climbing the Everest is an experience reserved only to the best-prepared climbers. _____
2. People staying at the base camps, always keep them tidy and clean. _____
3. Professional climbers don't like the presence of tourists in the mountain. _____
4. Sometimes tourists die in the ascent because they aren't fit enough. _____
5. People have to wait for some hours for their turn to reach the summit. _____
6. Jordan Romero and Yuichiro Miura climbed the Everest together. _____
7. Jordan Romero is younger than Yuichiro Miura. _____



2. What title do you think is the best for this text?

- A. A JAM ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD
- B. THE FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE OF CLIMBING THE EVEREST
- C. THE BEST CLIMBERS OF 21ST CENTURY.

3. What do you think is the text's main idea?

- 1. Climbing Mount Everest should be an experience open to everybody and it is a good business for the people of the country.
- 2. Climbing Mount Everest should be a unique and exclusive experience for the well prepared climbers and not a touristic attraction.
- 3. Mount Everest is very dirty and climbers and hikers cooperate to clean it.

4. What do you think? What's your opinion?



* *In my opinion...*

* *That's true... / That's not true ...*

* *I think / I don't think ...*

* *That's good for... / That's bad for ...*

* *I agree with ... / I don't agree with ...*

