

In 1953, the **explorer** Edmund Hillary travelled to the Himalayan Mountains with two climbing teams. He was on an **expedition** to climb the tallest mountain in the world – Mount Everest. The mountain was very **dangerous**. There was snow and ice, and it was very **cold**. There were two teams for the climb to the top. The first team **tried**, but they didn't get there.

Edmund Hillary and his guide Tenzing Norgay were the second **team**. They started to climb the mountain. Their backpacks were **heavy** – 14 kg! They had a **tent**, food and a camera with them. On 29th May, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay **arrived** at the top of Mount Everest. Edmund **got** there first. Edmund took photos of Tenzing and the **tall** mountain, but he didn't want Tenzing to **take** a photo of him. So there isn't a photo of Edmund Hillary on the top of the world!



1 Read the text quickly. Answer the question.

How many people got to the top of Mount Everest on May 29th? _____

2 Read the text again. Circle T (true), F (false) or NI (no information).

- 1 The expedition was in the Himalayan Mountains. (T) / F / NI
- 2 The weather wasn't cold. T / F / NI
- 3 There were three men on the first team. T / F / NI
- 4 The first team didn't get to the top. T / F / NI
- 5 Edmund Hillary got to the top before Tenzing Norgay. T / F / NI
- 6 They were very tired. T / F / NI
- 7 Tenzing didn't want Edmund to take his photo. T / F / NI
- 8 There isn't a photo of Edmund on the top of Mount Everest. T / F / NI

3 Read the text again. Answer the questions.

- 1 When did this expedition happen? 1953
- 2 What was the name of the mountain? _____
- 3 How many teams were there? _____
- 4 How heavy were the backpacks? _____
- 5 Who arrived at the top first? _____
- 6 Why isn't there a photo of Edmund at the top? _____

4 Look at the **highlighted** words in the text. Put them in the correct place in the table.

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs
<u>explorer</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

1 Label the pictures.



1 camera

2 m

3 t

p



4 g

5 s

6 t

2 Listen to Dave and Penny. What do they talk about? Tick (✓) the pictures in Exercise 1.

3 Listen again. Circle the correct answer.

1 Where did Penny stay?

a



b



2 What did she do every day?

a



b



3 What did she take the photos with?

a



b



4 What did she download her photos to?

a



b



5 What was the weather like?

a



b



A postcard

We're having a lovely time in ...
Lots of love, There are lots of ...
Yesterday we went to ... Dear ...,
See you soon! Hi ...! We're staying in ...

4 Complete the postcard with phrases in the box above.

1 Hi Josh!
2 London.
It's cloudy here, but it isn't cold.
We're staying in a nice hotel.
A museums and
cafés, but the hotel isn't near the
big shops.
B the Science Museum
and I bought some souvenirs. For dinner we had
cheeseburgers and chips and it was great!
C Today we are at the river. There's a boat here
that goes to Tower Bridge. It leaves in 20
minutes! I hope it's fun!
5 Terry



5 Match topics (1-6) to the paragraphs in Josh's postcard. Write A, B or C.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 food | 4 town |
| 2 weather | 5 transport |
| 3 place to stay | 6 place to visit |

6 Write a postcard to a friend. Use the questions to help you.

- Where are you?
- Where are you staying?
- What's the weather like?
- What did you do/eat/drink yesterday?
- What are you doing today?
