

## A Challenging Climb

During the holidays, my friends and I decided to tackle the rocky peaks of the Dragon's Spine. The morning sun was extremely (1) \_\_\_\_\_, forcing us to wear sunglasses as we started our ascent. We had already climbed quite (2) \_\_\_\_\_ up the slope when the weather began to change.

Our guide warned us not to run, as carelessness could (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the whole team. We paused for a moment to appreciate the natural (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the valley below us, taking photos of the river winding through the trees. However, we knew the next section was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ because of the loose gravel.

At the narrowest point, the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the path was barely enough for one person. We walked in single file and waited for the trail to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ before we dared to speak again. Our guide used a rope to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ us against slipping off the edge.

Suddenly, the clouds parted, helping to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the gloomy sky. We saw an eagle flying (10) \_\_\_\_\_ overhead, gliding on the wind. Looking down from that dizzying (11) \_\_\_\_\_ made my stomach turn, but I felt proud of our progress. We eventually made it back to the campsite (12) \_\_\_\_\_, tired but happy to be on flat ground again.