

Use of English

CAE Part 1

Multiple-choice cloze

For questions 1–12, read the text below and then decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

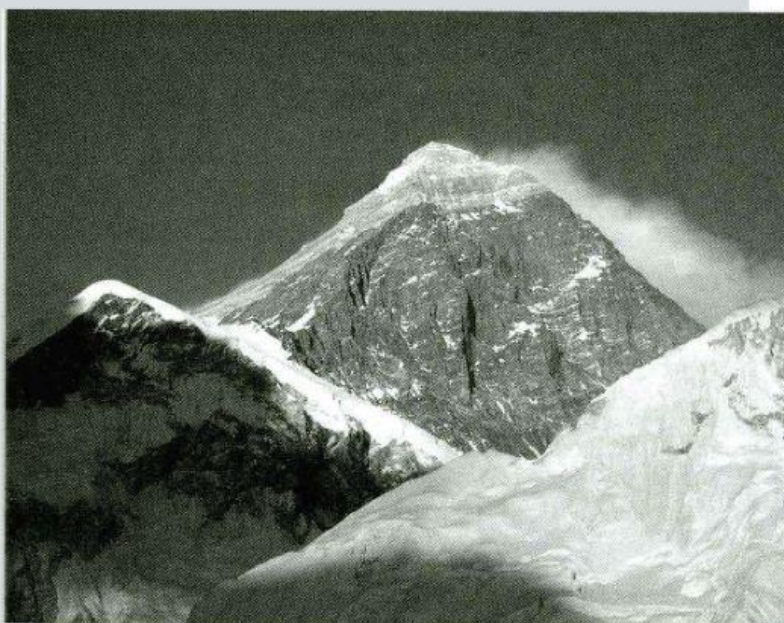
On top of the world

In May 1998, just two years after breaking his back in a parachuting accident whilst (0) ___ in the army, Bear Grylls became the youngest Briton to (1) ___ the summit of Mount Everest and return (2) ___. He was just 23 years old.

As his back recovered and he regained his (3) ___, Bear decided to leave the army in order to pursue his lifelong ambition to conquer the highest (4) ___ in the world. A friend of his was organising an expedition to Everest and Bear asked to (5) ___. After a year spent preparing for the climb and (6) ___ sponsorship money, he and his companions moved out to the Himalayas to (7) ___ up the challenge.

In (8) ___ Bear spent over 10 weeks on the mountain's south-east face. This (9) ___ a whole week at Camp Two simply waiting for the right conditions to make his attempt on the summit. When he finally made it to the top, he sat for 20 minutes, just gazing in wonder at the (10) ___ before him.

The hardest part was still to come though. Every year the number of climbers killed on Everest increases, with most deaths occurring on the descent. It is (11) ___ surprising then, that Bear should feel a (12) ___ sense of relief when he eventually got back to base camp. Three British climbers under 25 have tried to conquer Everest; Bear is the only one to survive.



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| 0 A assisting | B obeying | C ordering | D <u>serving</u> |
| 1 A achieve | B reach | C get | D attain |
| 2 A live | B lively | C living | D alive |
| 3 A power | B force | C vigour | D strength |
| 4 A crest | B crown | C peak | D tip |
| 5 A join | B unite | C attach | D link |
| 6 A rising | B raising | C arising | D arousing |
| 7 A take | B rise | C face | D put |
| 8 A summary | B short | C total | D conclusion |
| 9 A contained | B included | C comprised | D consisted |
| 10 A eyesight | B outlook | C vision | D view |
| 11 A strongly | B equally | C rarely | D hardly |
| 12 A great | B large | C wide | D full |