

Task 2

- You are going to read an article about a Sherpa – a member of an ethnic group that lives mainly in Nepal, in the Himalayas. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (11-20).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the dotted lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use only one word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



CLIMBING MOUNT EVEREST

The tallest mountain in the world appeared (0) _____ (*frighten*) in front of 16-year-old Temba Tsheri. He had always dreamed of climbing Mount Everest. Now all Temba could think about was surviving the 8,850-meter (11) _____ (*climb*) to the top.

One of the youngest people ever to reach the summit of Everest, Temba is a Sherpa. Sherpas exhibit almost superhuman (12) _____ (*strong*) climbing at high altitudes. Living in mountain villages as high as 4,267 meters, with no roads or cars, they hike everywhere and lug everything on their backs – even TVs and refrigerators. But that's nothing (13) _____ (*compare*) with climbing Everest. Temba's expedition braved avalanches, subzero temperatures, and (14) _____ (*death*) cracks in glaciers that can be 30 meters deep.

Temba's courage comes partly from his religious (15) _____ (*believe*). As followers of a religion called Tibetan Buddhism, the Sherpas believe in being (16) _____ (*peace*), honouring all people, and accepting suffering without (17) _____ (*complain*). Temba's trek continues his people's tradition of climbing. It began nearly a hundred years ago when Sherpas started carrying (18) _____ (*supply*) for visiting mountaineers. In 1953, the Sherpas won fame when Sherpa Tenzing Norgay and (19) _____ (*explore*) Edmund Hillary became the first people to climb Everest.

Without his heritage, Temba might have given up. As he climbed past 7,925 meters, he had never felt so tired. But (20) _____ (*final*) he took the last step and stood on the summit of Everest – the top of the world. He knew his success was a triumph for his people.

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Task 3

- You are going to read an article about a great invention that provides clean water for people living in sub-Saharan Africa. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (21-29) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



PLAYPUMPS TURN WORK INTO PLAY

For kids in many rural parts **(0)** Africa, the colorful PlayPump is the first playground equipment they have ever seen. This incredible invention won't **(21)** change their playtime, it changes their lives.

As the merry-go-round spins, it pumps clean water – 1,400 liters an hour – up from deep underground and stores it in a huge tank. People (22) _____ welcome to come and help themselves (23) _____ the water. In rural Africa, clean water is a luxury. Most people must walk long distances – 8 kilometers (24) _____ average – to wells and haul heavy containers of water back. The exhausting chore of carrying water traditionally falls to women and girls. It's such a big job, it sometimes prevents girls from (25) _____ able to attend school. Also, many of them suffer injuries carrying (26) _____ much weight every day. Thanks to the PlayPump, getting water is quick and easy – and even boys join in. The pumps have become a center of social activity where kids and adults gather to meet (27) _____ collecting water.

Two sides of each tank carry educational messages (28) _____ remind people about good health practices like battling germs through hand-washing. The other two sides carry advertisements, (29) _____ help pay for the pump's upkeep. So far, more than 800 PlayPumps are operating in schools and communities in four African countries, providing water for almost two million people.

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Task 4

- You are going to read about a man who won a lot of money in a lottery because he behaved politely. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text.
- Read the text and then copy the extra word in the space provided after each line.
- Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓).
- The task begins with two examples (0).



POLITENESS LEADS TO LOTTERY WIN

0) Good manners have paid dividends for a man in the Philippines
0) who have won 741m pesos (£10.5m) in a lottery.

30) An official for the national lottery said to the father-of-three was
31) next in a queue to buy her a ticket when a woman rudely pushed
32) in ahead of him. He graciously let her to go ahead, and in turn he
33) bought the winning ticket, choosing "lucky pick" numbers.

34) He is believed to be a Filipino in his sixties, been living in the US,
35) who was back in the Philippines visiting family. Although the
36) lottery agency has won a policy of keeping the names of winners
37) secret, partly to protect them from the kidnap attempts.

38) When the draw was made on 29 November, nobody ever had
39) won the lottery since 15 May. The prize money that had
40) accumulated over 86 consecutive draws to become the country's
41) biggest ever jackpot and more millions of people bought tickets.

42) The winner beat up odds of one in nearly 29 million.

43) When the man realised he had won, he was said: " How sad for
44) that woman. She could have won the big prize if she had just been patient. "

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