

## Read and answer the questions.

Jordan Romero was 13 years, ten months and ten days old when he reached the top of Mount Everest. He was born in July 1996 and he was on 'the top of the world' in May 2010. Today, he's still the youngest person to climb the highest mountain on Earth.

With him were his father, his father's wife and three Sherpas\*. Jordan's mother was at home. She watched the whole climb on a special map and talked to Jordan on a satellite phone when he was at the top. She asked him to do one thing 'Come back home!' – to California, USA.

Before he started his adventure in the Himalayas, Jordan explained, 'I just want to do something big.' But climbing Everest isn't his only record. He's also the youngest climber to

complete the 'Seven Summits': he climbed the tallest mountain in each continent. In December 2011, he reached the top of Vinson Massif in Antarctica, breaking George Atkinson's record. Atkinson completed the 'Seven Summits' when he was 16.

But why did Jordan want to do this? He decided it was a good idea when he was ten. A picture of the seven highest mountains on a wall in his school inspired him. Today, Jordan wants to climb the 50 highest mountains in the USA. He says, 'this tour around the USA is about being healthy. I want other children in the country to climb mountains with me.' In his free time, he likes riding his bicycle, listening to music and going out with his friends.



\* Sherpas = people from Nepal who are very good climbers and carry people's things to the top

- 1 Who didn't climb Everest with Jordan? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 How many records does Jordan hold? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How old was Jordan when he completed the 'Seven Summits'? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What gave Jordan inspiration when he was ten? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 5 Does Jordan want to go on his new tour alone? \_\_\_\_\_