



Quiz 1

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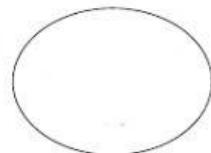
Sex: Male Female

Class:/Grade: 4

Teacher's name:

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Time allowance: 30 mn



Reading

Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa. Marcus was one of a group of climbers who decided to climb it to raise money for charity. This is his account of the final part of the climb. I wake up after two hours' fitful sleep. I am unable to eat anything. Everyone looks frightened. My head is aching. I feel very dizzy. Outside of the hut it is pitch black. It is just after midnight. Snow is falling. It is freezing. As we begin, I wish my friend good luck. He stares at me as if he cannot understand me. The hard climb and effects of altitude have made everyone look tired.

The group climbs silently in single file through deep snow. I cannot think straight. The altitude is playing tricks on my mind. I feel terrible. I try to concentrate. All I can do is watch my feet and count to ten all the time.

People around me are just standing still as they try to get their breath. I try to encourage them to keep walking. My friend looks at me helplessly. He is nearly exhausted. He keeps trying to lie down

and go to sleep. If he does, he will freeze to death. I tell him to keep moving. He stumbles on. I lose all sense of time and distance. When I check my watch I see, with surprise, that I have been walking for three hours already. I feel as if I am fighting every step of the way. All I want to do is turn round and go down -but I must reach the top!

I begin to wonder if I am strong enough. My head is thumping. Each step I take makes me more and more dizzy. I begin to see spots in front of my eyes. My breathing is very rapid. Someone tells me we have another hour and a half to go.

I force my body onwards. I begin to lose my sense of balance and have to concentrate really hard, because one slip could be fatal. I gasp for breath. Then I see Gilman's Peak up ahead of me. Someone at the top is telling me to make one last effort. I am aware of the sun beginning to rise above the clouds. I scramble up the last few metres -and suddenly I realise I've done it! I'm there! I'm at the top of Africa!

I. Answer the following questions

1. What is the highest mountain in Africa?

2. Why did Marcus climb Mount Kilimanjaro?

3. Describe how Marcus felt when he woke up.

4. What were the weather conditions like?

5. How does Marcus try to concentrate?

6. How do you know that Marcus's friend is exhausted?

7. Name some of the effects of altitude that Marcus suffered from.

8. Do you think Marcus is brave or foolish? Give reasons.

Today, Mike and his mom are going to the library. Mike wants to find a book to read. His mom wants to use a computer there. When they get to the library, Mike finds a book about detectives. He also finds a book with chapters about a friendly ghost. Finally, he finds a book about a man who lives in the woods without food or water. He puts the books on the front desk and waits for his mom. Mike's mom sits at one of the computers in the library. She checks her email and looks at pictures of flowers on the internet. Then she reads a news article on a website.

Mike's mom leaves the computer and walks over to Mike, holding up something out for him. Mike looks at her quizzically. It takes him a moment to recognize what she is holding. "I got that movie for us to watch tonight," says Mike's mom. "Are you ready to leave?"

"Sure," Mike says, now holding the movie out in front of him. He reads the cover while walking back to the library entrance. He puts his books and the movie on the front desk to check out. A librarian stands behind the counter holding an electronic scanner. "How long can we keep them?" Mike asks her. "Three weeks," says the librarian. "Cool," says Mike. Suddenly, Mike is surprised. His mother is checking out

something else that is too big to put on the desk. It's a picture of the ocean. "What is that for?" Mike asks. "To put on our wall at home," says Mike's mom. "You can do that?" Mike asks. Mike's mom smiles at the librarian. "Yes," she says, "but we have to return it in three months."

II. Complete the following sentences.

9. Mike is interested in _____

10. While at the computer, Mike's mom _____

11. Mike and his mother use the books and the movie for _____

12. With the picture of the ocean, mom wants to _____

13. The best title for this passage is _____