

In 1953, the explorer Edmund Hillary travelled to the Himalayan Mountains with two climbing teams. He was on an **expedition** to climb the tallest mountain in the world – Mount Everest. The mountain was very **dangerous**. There was snow and ice, and it was very **cold**. There were two teams for the climb to the top. The first team **tried**, but they didn't get there.

Edmund Hillary and his guide Tenzing Norgay were the second **team**. They started to climb the mountain. Their backpacks were **heavy** – 14 kg! They had a **tent**, food and a camera with them. On 29th May, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay **arrived** at the top of Mount Everest. Edmund **got** there first. Edmund took photos of Tenzing and the **tall** mountain, but he didn't want Tenzing to **take** a photo of him. So there isn't a photo of Edmund Hillary on the top of the world!



1 Read the text quickly. Answer the question.

How many people got to the top of Mount Everest on May 29th? \_\_\_\_\_

2 Read the text again. Circle T (true), F (false) or NI (no information).

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|--|------------|
| 1 The expedition was in the Himalayan Mountains.             | T / F / NI |
| 2 The weather wasn't cold.                                   | T / F / NI |
| 3 There were three men on the first team.                    | T / F / NI |
| 4 The first team didn't get to the top.                      | T / F / NI |
| 5 Edmund Hillary got to the top before Tenzing Norgay.       | T / F / NI |
| 6 They were very tired.                                      | T / F / NI |
| 7 Tenzing didn't want Edmund to take his photo.              | T / F / NI |
| 8 There isn't a photo of Edmund on the top of Mount Everest. | T / F / NI |

3 Read the text again. Answer the questions.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| 1 When did this expedition happen?              | 1953  |
| 2 What was the name of the mountain?            | _____ |
| 3 How many teams were there?                    | _____ |
| 4 How heavy were the backpacks?                 | _____ |
| 5 Who arrived at the top first?                 | _____ |
| 6 Why isn't there a photo of Edmund at the top? | _____ |

4 Look at the **highlighted** words in the text. Put them in the correct place in the table.

| Nouns           | Adjectives | Verbs |
|-----------------|------------|-------|
| <u>explorer</u> | _____      | _____ |
| _____           | _____      | _____ |
| _____           | _____      | _____ |
| _____           | _____      | _____ |

## 1 Label the pictures.



1 camera



2 m \_\_\_\_\_

3 t \_\_\_\_\_  
p \_\_\_\_\_

4 g \_\_\_\_\_



5 s \_\_\_\_\_



6 t \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 18 Listen to Dave and Penny. What do they talk about? Tick (✓) the pictures in Exercise 1.

## 3 18 Listen again. Circle the correct answer.

1 Where did Penny stay?



a



b

2 What did she do every day?



a



b

3 What did she take the photos with?



a



b

4 What did she download her photos to?



a



b

5 What was the weather like?



a



b

## A postcard

We're having a lovely time in ...  
 Lots of love. There are lots of ...  
 Yesterday we went to ... Dear ...,  
 See you soon! Hi ...! We're staying in ...

## 4 Complete the postcard with phrases in the box above.

1 Hi Josh!

2 London.  
It's cloudy here, but it isn't cold.  
We're staying in a nice hotel.A 3 museums and  
cafés, but the hotel isn't near the  
big shops.B 4 the Science Museum  
and I bought some souvenirs. For dinner we had  
cheeseburgers and chips and it was great!C 5 Today we are at the river. There's a boat here  
that goes to Tower Bridge. It leaves in 20  
minutes! I hope it's fun!

6 Terry



## 5 Match topics (1–6) to the paragraphs in Josh's postcard. Write A, B or C.

|                              |               |   |
|------------------------------|---------------|---|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> B | food          | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> town           |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> C | weather       | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> transport      |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> A | place to stay | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> place to visit |

## 6 Write a postcard to a friend. Use the questions to help you.

- 1 Where are you?
- 2 Where are you staying?
- 3 What's the weather like?
- 4 What did you do/eat/drink yesterday?
- 5 What are you doing today?

