

Chapter 20

Highest Mountains of the World

Some of the world's most dramatic scenery can only be found high up in the mountains. These mountains not only challenge the human spirit of adventure, but also inspire the entire humanity.

Read about some of the highest mountains of the world :

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Mount McKinley is the highest mountain peak in the United States and in North America with a summit elevation of 6168 metres above sea level. Its base-to-peak rise is considered the largest of any mountain, situated entirely above sea level.



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Aconcagua is the highest mountain in South America. It is located in Argentina. Its total height is 6960 metres above sea level. It is the highest peak in both the western and southern hemispheres. In mountaineering terms, it is an easy mountain if approached from the north.



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Kanchenjunga is the third highest mountain in the world. Its total height is 8586 metres. It is located in eastern Nepal and Sikkim. It is the highest mountain of India.



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Kilimanjaro is a volcanic mountain in Tanzania. It is also known as Kibo. It is the highest mountain of the whole African continent. It is also the highest free standing mountain in the world, 5895 metres above sea level.



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Mount Blanc is also known as the White Mountain. It is the highest mountain in the Alps with a height of 4810 metres. It lies between the regions of Aosta Valley of Italy and Haute-Savoie of France. The first recorded ascent of his mountain was on 8 August, 1786 by Jacquers Balmat and Michel-Gabriel Paccard. The first woman to reach the summit was Marie Paradis. She reached there in 1808.



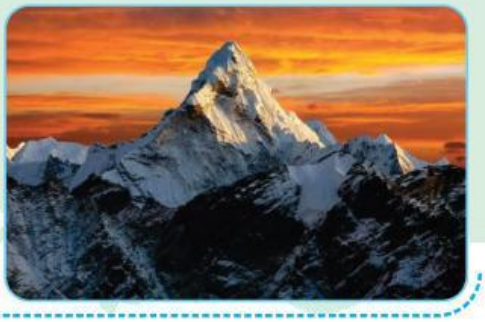
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Mount Kosciuszko is the highest mountain in Australia with a height of 2228 metres. It was named by the Polish explorer Count Paul Edmund Strezelecki in 1840. The name of the mountain was previously spelt Mount Kosciuzko, its present name was officially adopted in 1997 by the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales.



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Mount Everest is the Earth's highest mountain above sea level, located in the Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas. The China-Nepal border run across its summit point. Its elevation of 8,848.86m was most recently established in 2020 by the Chinese and Nepali authorities.



Think Fast

Tick (3) the correct alternative :

1. To which among the following mountain ranges does the Mount Everest belong?
   (a) Andes ◯ (b) Rockies ◯ (c) Himalayas ◯ (d) Alps ◯
2. Which is the Earth's highest mountain?
   (a) Mont Blanc ◯ (b) Aconcagua ◯ (c) Kilimanjaro ◯ (d) Mount Everest ◯
3. In which country is the Mount Everest located?
   (a) India ◯ (b) Pakistan ◯ (c) Nepal ◯ (d) Bhutan ◯
4. What is the total height of the Mount Everest?
   (a) 6194 m ◯ (b) 5895 m ◯ (c) 4807 m ◯ (d) 8849 m ◯
5. What do Nepalese call the Mount Everest in their regional language?
   (a) Sagarmatha ◯ (b) Uncha Parvat ◯ (c) Parvat Matha ◯ (d) Parvat Sagar ◯

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