

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

## MOUNTAIN CLIMBING



One of the most difficult but priceless of pastimes is the sport of mountain climbing. Mountain climbing can be divided into two categories, rock climbing and ice climbing, and the modern climber must (1) \_\_\_\_\_ many different skills.

Rock climbing (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a combination of gymnastic ability, imagination and observation, but perhaps the most necessary skill is being able to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ out how much weight a particular rock will (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Mountaineers climb in groups of three or four, each climber at a distance of approximately six metres from the next.

Usually, one person climbs while the other climbers (5) \_\_\_\_\_ hold of the rope. The most experienced climber goes first and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the other climbers which (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to go. When the leader has reached a good position, he or she makes the rope secure so that it is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for the others to follow.

Since much mountain climbing (9) \_\_\_\_\_ place in bad weather, snow skills (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a very important part. Ice axes are used for (11) \_\_\_\_\_ steps into the snow, and for testing the ground. Climbers always tie themselves (12) \_\_\_\_\_, so that, if the leader does fall, he or she can be held by the other and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ back to safety. The number of dangers (14) \_\_\_\_\_ by climbers is almost endless. Yet perhaps the most difficult part of the sport is the physical effort needed when the air has little oxygen. The (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of oxygen can leave mountaineers continually out of breath.

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| 1. A) own           | B) hold    | C) control    | D) possess       |
| 2. A) requires      | B) insists | C) calls      | D) orders        |
| 3. A) work          | B) try     | C) stand      | D) set           |
| 4. A) supply        | B) provide | C) support    | D) offer         |
| 5. A) keep          | B) stay    | C) continue   | D) maintain      |
| 6. A) indicates     | B) signals | C) points     | D) shows         |
| 7. A) passage       | B) way     | C) walk       | D) course        |
| 8. A) safe          | B) sure    | C) dependable | D) reliable      |
| 9. A) gets          | B) takes   | C) occupies   | D) fills         |
| 10. A) act          | B) do      | C) play       | D) make          |
| 11. A) cutting      | B) tearing | C) breaking   | D) splitting     |
| 12. A) collectively | B) jointly | C) together   | D) cooperatively |
| 13. A) given        | B) pulled  | C) put        | D) sent          |
| 14. A) marked       | B) touched | C) felt       | D) faced         |
| 15. A) need         | B) gap     | C) lack       | D) demand        |

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