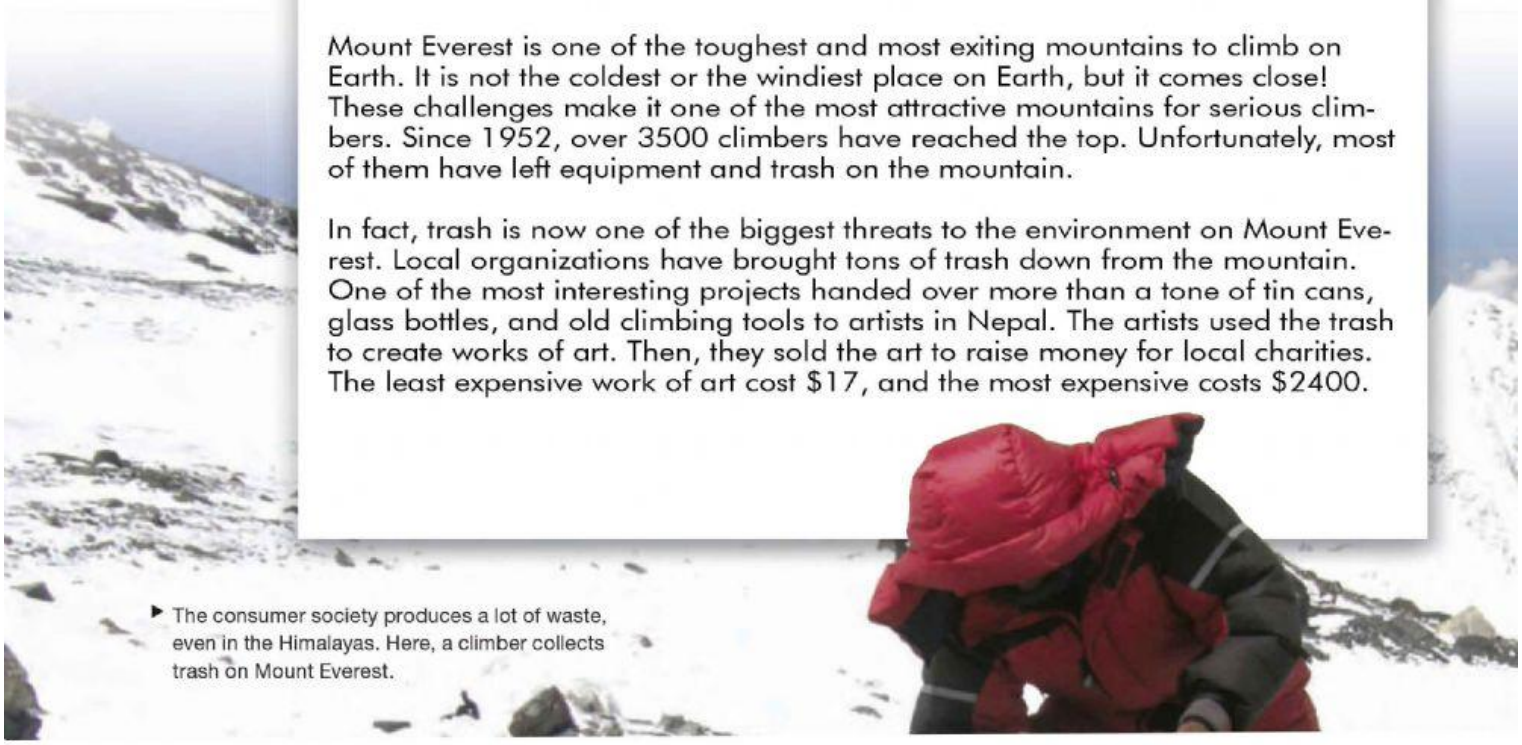
Mount Everest:
The Highest Garbage Dump in the World?



Most people know that Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. However, there is another fact that many people don't know: it has become one of the dirtiest mountains in the world.

Mount Everest is one of the toughest and most exiting mountains to climb on Earth. It is not the coldest or the windiest place on Earth, but it comes close! These challenges make it one of the most attractive mountains for serious climbers. Since 1952, over 3500 climbers have reached the top. Unfortunately, most of them have left equipment and trash on the mountain.

In fact, trash is now one of the biggest threats to the environment on Mount Everest. Local organizations have brought tons of trash down from the mountain. One of the most interesting projects handed over more than a tone of tin cans, glass bottles, and old climbing tools to artists in Nepal. The artists used the trash to create works of art. Then, they sold the art to raise money for local charities. The least expensive work of art cost $17, and the most expensive costs $2400.



▶ The consumer society produces a lot of waste, even in the Himalayas. Here, a climber collects trash on Mount Everest.

2 CHECK. Circle the correct word to complete each statement.

1. According to the reading, Mount Everest is very **clean** / **dirty**.
2. Climbing Mount Everest is very **difficult** / **easy**.
3. Mount Everest is **an unusual** / **a popular** mountain for serious climbers.
4. Climbers **rarely** / **often** leave trash on Mount Everest.
5. People create **art** / **charities** from the trash on Mount Everest.

REMEMBER!!

	Superlative Adjective	
The red car is	the nicest the most expensive	car in the parking lot.

3 DISCOVER. Complete the exercises to learn about the grammar in this lesson.

A Look at the bold phrases in the reading from exercise **1**. Then write three more examples in each column of the chart.

Adjectives with *-est*	Adjectives with *most*
tall	exciting

4. TRUE OR FALSE. Read the following statements and say if they are True or False.

a. The Mount Everest is the coldest place in the earth. ___

b. One of the most interesting projects have brought tons of trash down from the mountain. ___

c. The least expensive work of art costs $2400. ___