

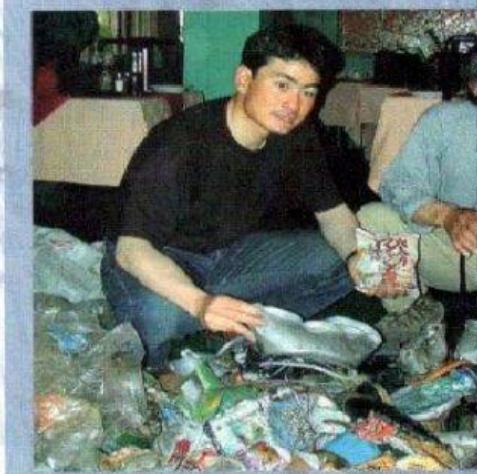
KEN NOGUCHI

is a mountain climber. He's climbed Mount Everest. It wasn't the Japanese climber's first visit to the top of the world's highest mountain. He's climbed it five times, and he's going to do it again. He doesn't do it for fun. He goes there to collect something – rubbish!

Ken's team of climbers from Japan and Nepal have collected over 500 kilograms of rubbish and brought it down the mountain. They have collected a lot of small things, like drinks cans, food packaging and plastic bags, but also some large things, like tents, sleeping bags and empty oxygen bottles. Where has all this rubbish come from?

The first people to climb Mount Everest were Sir Edmund Hillary from New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay from Nepal (the home of Mount Everest). They reached the top in May 1953. Since then, modern equipment has made it a lot easier, and thousands of people have climbed the mountain. They have left tonnes of rubbish there, because they don't want to carry it back down the mountain. And unfortunately, the rubbish doesn't decompose in the cold air. Now there is so much rubbish that people have called the mountain 'the highest rubbish dump in the world'.

Ken Noguchi wants to make people aware of the problem. He has taken some of the rubbish to Japan and Korea and put it on display. A lot of climbers come from these countries. 'We must keep the world's highest mountain clean,' he said. Things are better now. People are aware of the problem. And now all climbers must bring their own rubbish back or pay a big fine. However, Ken thinks there is probably about 50 tonnes of old rubbish still there.



READ THE ARTICLE AND WRITE: True or False (10)

- 1- Mount Everest is the highest mountain in Nepal.
- 2- Noguchi has climbed it 5 times just for fun.
- 3- He's been collecting rubbish that other climbers leave before descending.
- 4- It has been easier to climb this mountain since Sir Edmund Hilary reached the top.
- 5- Noguchi wants people to know about this problem.

READ AGAIN AND ANSWER

- 6- Who does Noguchi climb with?
- 7- Why has it been easier to climb Mount Everest since 1953?
- 8- What's one of the obligations climbers have today?
- 9- Why is there so much rubbish in Mount Everest?
- 10- How much rubbish does he think there's still there?

LISTEN TO THE CONVERSATION. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORDS. (10)

- Thomas has been **on** an adventure holiday for **six/three/five** weeks.
- He's seen lots of **people / landscapes / wildlife**.
- He's done some activities like **sailing / scuba diving/ kayaking in a lake**.
- Thomas took **hundreds of / thousands of / a few** photos.
- He posted the photos on his **blog / social media site / diary**.
- The most terrifying thing was diving **out of a plane / off a cliff/ into a deep river**.
- Thomas said he was scared of **flying / heights/ hiking**.
- He **likes / doesn't like** relaxing on the beach.
- He tried **surfing / scuba diving/snorkeling** for the first time.
- By the end of his holiday, he could **travel / dive/ stand up on a surfboard** by himself.