

Reading

1 Read the text quickly. Answer the question.

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

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!

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

- 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 Complete the text with the words from the box.

work	trains	buses	means	fastest
transport		countryside	travelling	

In Britain the most popular _____⁽¹⁾ of transport is the car. People use it to get to _____⁽²⁾, to go to the supermarket or to take children to and from school. But in busy centres where there is not much place for parking people use public _____⁽³⁾ such as buses, taxis and _____⁽⁴⁾. In London the underground, which is called «the tube», is the _____⁽⁵⁾ way of _____⁽⁶⁾ around the city. In the _____⁽⁷⁾ things are different. People travel by car because there aren't many _____⁽⁸⁾ and trains are not frequent.

