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Text 1 **A** *Read the school magazine article.*

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This month Alex Lee (5C) writes about an amazing climber.

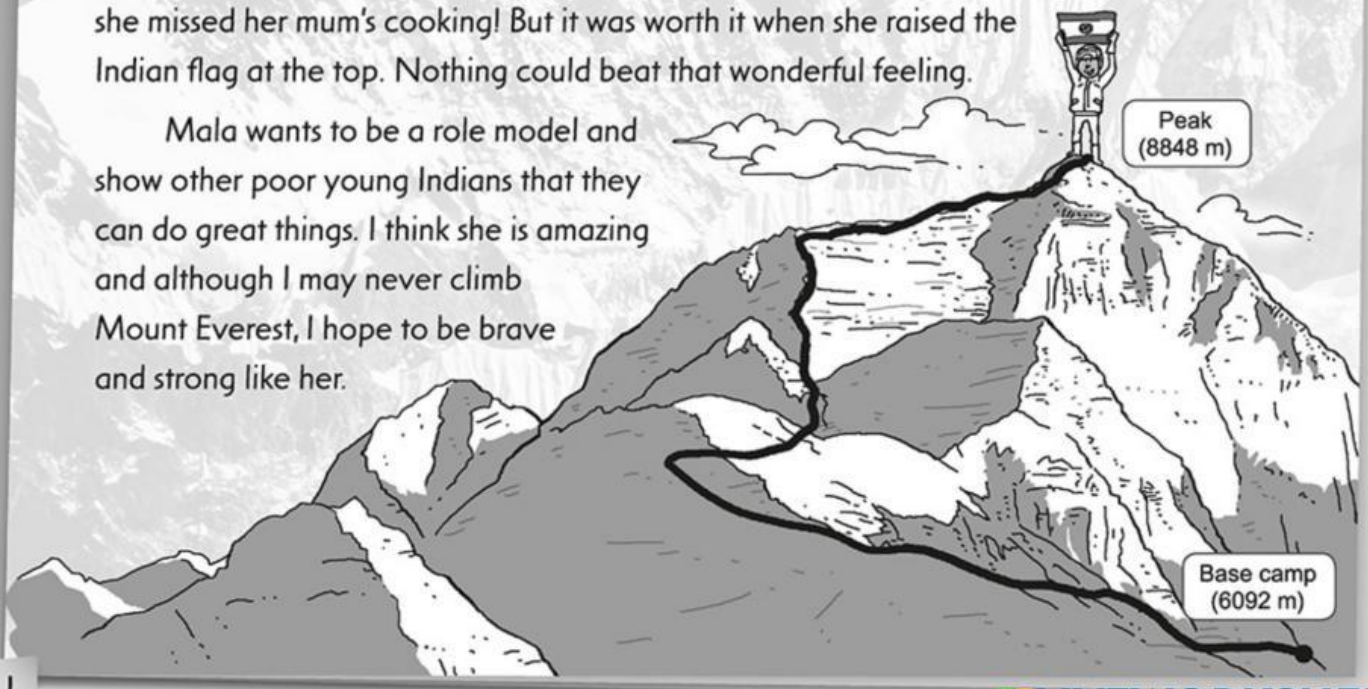
Youngest girl on the Tallest mountain

Last weekend I went hiking in Tai Mo Shan Country Park — from the visitor centre up the 957-metre-high mountain. The views at the top were fantastic. I was proud of my climb, but then I heard about an Indian girl called Malavath Poorna. In May 2014 she became the youngest girl to climb Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain. She was only 13 years and 11 months!

Mala comes from a poor family in India. Her parents both work on a farm and together earn 3,000 rupees (about HK$350) a month. They work hard to send Mala and her siblings to school. Mala started climbing mountains in India and found that she really enjoyed it and was good at it. That is when she decided to climb Everest.

Mala's journey from base camp to the top of Mount Everest took almost seven weeks. She said that at first she was afraid but she never thought about giving up. The hardest thing during her climb was 'eating packed food'. She said the smell made her feel sick and she missed her mum's cooking! But it was worth it when she raised the Indian flag at the top. Nothing could beat that wonderful feeling.

Mala wants to be a role model and show other poor young Indians that they can do great things. I think she is amazing and although I may never climb Mount Everest, I hope to be brave and strong like her.



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B Read the school magazine article again and finish the table.

Youngest Female Mount Everest Climber

Full name	Nationality	Age when climbed Everest	Date of climb
❶	❷	❸	❹

C Match the main idea of each paragraph with the correct paragraph number.

Main idea	Paragraph number
Mala's climb up Mount Everest	
The writer's opinion of Mala	
The link between the writer and Mala and her achievement	
Mala's background	

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1 Alex Lee ____ .

- ○ A. climbed Tai Mo Shan on a weekday
- ○ B. does not enjoy hiking
- ○ C. hopes to climb Everest one day
- ○ D. has never met Malavath

2 Which sentence is true?

- ○ A. Mala enjoyed everything about her climb.
- ○ B. It took Mala more than two months to climb from base camp to the top of Mount Everest.
- ○ C. Mala was frightened at the start of her journey.
- ○ D. Mount Everest is the first mountain that Mala climbed.

☆ 3 What is the purpose of this article?

- ○ A. to encourage people to go mountain climbing
- ○ B. to share information about a teenager's special achievement
- ○ C. to describe the writer's trip to Tai Mo Shan Country Park
- ○ D. to tell people it is not easy to climb Mount Everest

☆ = more challenging question

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