

Reading Comprehension

View from the Summit



A Corroborate the important details in *View from the Summit* and *Everest*. Which details are the same? Which details are different? Circle.

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| 1 Mr. Hillary and Tenzing were told by John Hunt they weren't chosen to climb to the summit. | Same | Different |
| 2 The great rock step was at a height of 29,000 feet. | Same | Different |
| 3 Mr. Hillary saw a narrow crack in the rock. | Same | Different |
| 4 They were wearing eight layers of clothing. | Same | Different |
| 5 Mr. Hillary and Tenzing both reached the summit of Mount Everest. | Same | Different |

B What more do you want to know? Write two *W* questions for each text.

1

View from the Summit

2

Everest

C Complete the sentences.

View from the Summit is a _____.

Who is it written by? _____

Everest is _____.

What is the difference between these two genres?

D Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 1 They saw a great ice cornice ... ● | ● a grabbing at any handhold. |
| 2 They wriggled upward ... ● | ● b as they looked at the beautiful view from the summit. |
| 3 They carefully cut a line of steps ... ● | ● c hanging over the huge Kangshung Face. |
| 4 They became really happy ... ● | ● d in the ice using their axes. |

E Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Climbers _____ reached the summit of Mount Everest before Sir Edmund Hillary.
a had **b** had not **c** could not
- 2 Tenzing climbed _____ Sir Edmund Hillary.
a in front of **b** next to **c** behind
- 3 The temperature was _____ as they began the final climb to the summit.
a -17°F (27°C) **b** 17° (-8°C) **c** -27°F (37°C)
- 4 It took almost _____ to climb up the 40 ft rocky wall.
a an hour **b** 30 minutes **c** two hours

Extra Read the words. Write the definitions.

- 1 considerable _____
- 2 satisfaction _____
- 3 perched _____