

Know your SAT Words!

Mystery Name: **The Breathtaking Mystery on Mt. Everest**

SAT Words



1. abominable
2. altitude
3. bask
4. crag
5. dauntless

Write a sensational sentence using all five SAT Words from this mystery.



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Bring It To Life!

1. Write a funny story about a yeti. Be sure to include a description of his home and what he eats for dinner!
2. Try some Sherpa tea (without the salt and yak butter)! Have an adult help you boil six cups of water. Steep three tea bags in the hot water for three to four minutes. Add 1/3 cup of sugar and 1/3 cup non-dairy creamer.
3. Pretend you've just met the yak that will carry your equipment to Base Camp. Make up a name for him and draw his picture!
4. Find a good photo of Mount Everest. Working quickly, use spoons and other utensils to mold a bowl of ice cream into its shape. Eat your way to the top!
5. Make a glacier! Find rocks, sand and twigs and place in a quart-size sealable plastic bag. Fill with water and freeze. Later, place your glacier in the sun and watch as it melts and creates a moraine.
6. There is always snow on Mount Everest and no two snowflakes are exactly alike. Design your own snowflake, and then hang it in your window to remind you of your adventure with Christina and Grant!
7. Make a prayer flag! Cut a colorful piece of cloth into a square. Write something special on it. Then, hang it outside to flutter in the wind.

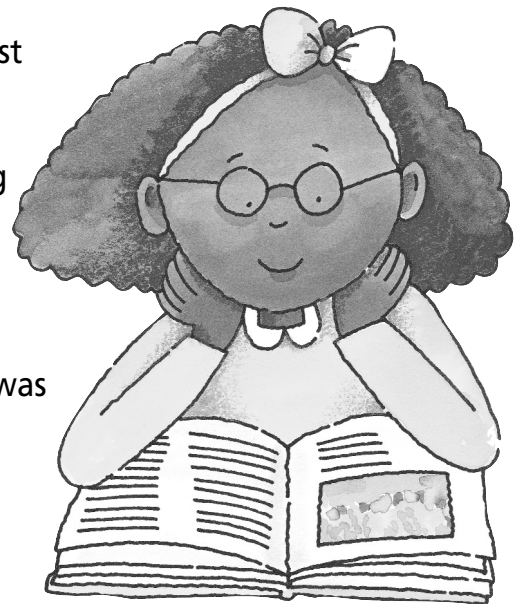


Online Information

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Fascinating Facts

1. Many mountaineers have a goal of climbing the Seven Summits. These are the highest mountains on each continent!
2. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay made it to the summit of Mount Everest on May 29, 1953.
3. Edmund Hillary was a beekeeper in New Zealand before he became a famous mountaineer!
4. When climbers reach 26,000 feet on Mount Everest, they have reached the area known as the Death Zone.
5. Junko Tabei of Japan became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1975.
6. The first American to reach the summit of Mount Everest was James Whittaker in 1963.
7. About 120 corpses (dead bodies) lie on Mount Everest.
8. The body of George Mallory, who tried to reach the Everest summit in 1924, was found in 1999.
9. Some people believe that George Mallory and his climbing partner, Andrew Irvine, were the first people to reach the summit. Scientists would love to find the camera Irvine carried, develop the film, and find out for sure!
10. The youngest person to reach the Mount Everest summit was 15-year-old Temba Tsheri Sherpa of Nepal in 2001.



Online Quiz

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Fact or Fiction?

- _____ 1. Mount Everest was once a volcano.
- _____ 2. A yeti is a female yak.
- _____ 3. Mount Everest is part of the Himalayan Mountain Range.
- _____ 4. Most Sherpas live in Norway.
- _____ 5. The spikes on mountain climbers' boots are called crampons.
- _____ 6. Climbers live in hotel rooms at Base Camp.
- _____ 7. Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay took a photograph of a giant footprint they thought might belong to a yeti.
- _____ 8. Mount Everest is more than five miles above sea level.
- _____ 9. Tourists can take bus tours to the Everest Base Camp.
- _____ 10. Most Everest climbers don't take oxygen with them because it's too heavy.



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TALK ABOUT IT!

1. Have you ever climbed a mountain? Would you be brave enough to climb Mount Everest?
2. Since so many people have died trying to climb Mount Everest, why do you think people want to do it?
3. Do you believe the yeti is a myth or a real animal? How would you prove it?
4. If you were planning an expedition to Mount Everest, what is the one thing you couldn't do without?
5. If you found a mysterious note before taking a dangerous trip, would you tell an adult?
6. Would you like to have a yak for a pet?
7. What should be done about the problem of hikers leaving trash on Himalayan trails and Mount Everest?
8. Do you think tourists have helped or hurt the Sherpas?
9. What was your favorite part of the story?
10. What would have been the result if the other person had published a book about climbing Everest before Mimi published her book?

