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The Breathtaking Mystery on Mt. Everest

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 Tsherpa of Nepal in 2001.

