

Everest



Fill in the blanks - this is a cloze type exercise.

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The mountain is sit _ _ _ _ d in the Himalaya range, and the border between China and Nepal runs through the p _ _ k of the mountain.

Serious att _ _ _ ts to climb Everest started in 1921 when a route to the top via the North Col was pro _ o _ ed by the famous mountaineer George Mallory. Mallory made several exp _ _ i _ i _ ns to climb Everest; his final fatal climb was in 1924. Mallory and Irvine set out on their attempt but never re _ _ _ _ ed. Mallory's body was found per _ _ c _ ly preserved in 1999 and it is still not clear if he re _ _ _ _ d the peak and then died on the descent.

Several attempts were made to climb Everest in the e _ s _ _ ng years but it wasn't until 1953 that Edmund Hillary and his guide Tenzing Norgay made the su _ _ _ _ t.

Everest is not rep _ _ ed to be a technically di _ _ _ _ _ It mountain to climb. With the right equipment, any fit person with the co _ _ _ ge to do so could try. Since 1953 over 5,000 men and woman have reached the summit. The o _ _ _ _ t to do so was 76 years old, the youngest only 13 years old.

Everest though re _ _ _ ns a very dangerous mountain to climb. The alt _ _ _ _ e and the weather, equipment failure or accidents can and do cause fat _ _ _ _ ies every year. Well over 200 people have died trying to conquer Everest.

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Remember, to improve your cloze performance you need to broaden your vocabulary through reading. Read for at least half an hour per day. Don't worry if you don't get 100%. No one will know every word.

Everest ANSWERS

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Serious **attempts** to climb Everest started in 1921 when a route to the top via the North Col was **proposed** by the famous mountaineer George Mallory. Mallory made several **expeditions** to climb Everest; his final fatal climb was in 1924. Mallory and Irvine set out on their attempt but never **returned**. Mallory's body was found **perfectly** preserved in 1999 and it is still not clear if he **reached** the peak and then died on the descent.

Several attempts were made to climb Everest in the **ensuing** years but it wasn't until 1953 that Edmund Hillary and his guide Tenzing Norgay made the **summit**.

Everest is not **reputed** to be a technically **difficult** mountain to climb. With the right equipment, any fit person with the **courage** to do so could try. Since 1953 over 5,000 men and woman have reached the summit. The **oldest** to do so was 76 years old, the youngest only 13 years old.

Everest though **remains** a very dangerous mountain to climb. The **altitude** and the weather, equipment failure or accidents can and do cause **fatalities** every year. Well over 200 people have died trying to conquer Everest.