



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

OPEN TEST

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH

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CLIMBING MOUNT EVEREST

Transporting you to the highest peak



Rebecca Stephens is the first British woman to climb Everest and the Seven Summits, the seven highest mountains on each of the seven continents. Before she went up the highest mountain in the world, Rebecca Stephens was a journalist and lived in a small flat in south London. In 1993, Rebecca left her job and her family and travelled to Asia with some other climbers. Her life changed. For the first time in her 27 years, she knew exactly what she wanted to do.

When Rebecca reached the top of Mount Everest on May 17th, 1993, it was the best moment of her life. She wrote a book about the trip and she started working for a science programme on TV. But most importantly now she gives talks about the team and the three pillars of teamwork – respect, trust and honesty. Nothing can be achieved alone.

She found that life on Everest is hard. 'You must carry everything on your back,' she explained, 'so you can only take things that you will need. You can't wash on the mountain, and in the end, I didn't even take a toothbrush. I'm usually a clean person, but there is no water, only snow. Water is very heavy, so you only take enough to drink!'

Rebecca is well-known today, and she has more money, but she still lives in the little flat in south London, among her pictures and books about mountains!

Adapted from <https://www.esleschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A2-Reading-Part-3 -Climbing-Mount-Everest.pdf>

Reading Comprehension (7 points)

1. Choose the correct answer (2 points)

1. Before Rebecca climbed Everest, she worked for

- A. a school.
- B. a bookshop.
- C. a TV station.
- D. a newspaper.

2. Rebecca became famous when she wrote a book about

- A. her trip.
- B. teamwork.
- C. how to be a climber.
- D. how to carry a backpack in the mountains.

3. Rebecca didn't wash on Everest because

- A. it was too cold.
- B. she is a dirty person.
- C. there was not enough water.
- D. she hates washing outdoors.

4. After her trip, Rebecca

- A. did the same job.
- B. bought a new book.
- C. stayed in the same flat.
- D. earned the same money.

2. Answer the following questions using information from the text and your own words, in full sentences. (2 points)

a) Who did Rebecca go to Everest with??

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b) Where does Rebecca live now?

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3. - Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)

- the highest point of a hill or mountain
- a journey or excursion, especially for pleasure
- difficult, tough
- obtained
- famous

Read the following text about a round-the-world trip. Decide which of the four words best fits each space. (2 points)



The problem of (1) on Everest is growing. Climbers leave camping equipment and cans of oxygen there. There may also be over three tons of human poo. Most of this (2). It does not degrade. (3) must now buy a "poop bag" for their poo. They throw it away when they come down from the mountain. The poop bags will help to keep Everest (4). They will be good for the (5) of climbers too.

Underline or circle the correct answer:

- (1) a) global warming b) waste c) heavy rains d) noise
- (2) a) disappears b) melts c) turns into water d) freezes
- (3) a) swimmers b) climbers c) astronauts d) driver
- (4) a) cleaner b) dirtier c) noisier d) newer
- (5) a) economy b) health c) survival d) work

4.- Writing: (3 points)

Write an answer to one of the questions below (80-100 words).



Everyone in the village talks about the mysterious female climber who goes quickly up the mountain every evening. One day, you decide to follow her and find out why she does that. Tell us what you discover about the climber's identity and her reason for this daily climb.

2. You are interested in taking part in the writing contest your town's newspaper has announced.

Imagine you are a brave climber walking up a cliff. Write a story about your climb, including how you feel, the obstacles you find, and the strategies you use to overcome them. How do you feel when you reach the top?



Write your article.

Remember: *the picture and questions above are just to help you generate ideas. Think and put your ideas in order before starting to write.*

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