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Level 2 – 22nd February 2024

Mt Everest climbers must now keep their poo

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Mount Everest is the world's highest mountain. A new rule says people climbing it will have to take their poo back to Base Camp. An increase in the number of climbers has led to the problem of human waste being left on the slopes. A local official told the BBC: "Our mountains have begun to stink." He added: "Human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It damages our image." Climbers must buy a bio-degradable "poop bag". They can throw the bag away when they come down from the mountain.

The problem of waste and litter on Everest has been growing for years. Climbers leave camping equipment and cans of oxygen on the slopes. An environmental group estimated that there was over three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the top of Everest. Much of this freezes. It does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags will help with the waste problem. It wrote: "This measure...will help restore the dignity of this iconic peak." It added that the waste bags would, "safeguard the health of both climbers and the local environment".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Everest is the world's | a. to stink |
| 2. An increase in the | b. degradable "poop bag" |
| 3. human waste being left on | c. number of climbers |
| 4. Our mountains have begun | d. image |
| 5. Human stools are visible | e. bag away |
| 6. It damages our | f. on rocks |
| 7. Climbers must buy a bio- | g. the slopes |
| 8. They can throw the | h. highest mountain |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The problem of waste | a. of human poo |
| 2. camping | b. oxygen |
| 3. cans of | c. iconic peak |
| 4. An environmental | d. equipment |
| 5. over three tons | e. the waste problem |
| 6. Much of this | f. group |
| 7. poop bags will help with | g. and litter |
| 8. restore the dignity of this | h. freezes |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mount Everest is (1) _____ mountain. A new rule says people climbing it will have to take (2) _____ to Base Camp. An increase in (3) _____ climbers has led to the problem of human waste being left on the slopes. A local official told the BBC: "Our mountains have (4) _____." He added: "Human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It (5) _____." Climbers must buy a bio-degradable "poop bag". They can throw the bag away when they (6) _____ the mountain.

The problem of (7) _____ on Everest has been growing for years. Climbers leave camping equipment and (8) _____ on the slopes. An environmental group estimated that there was over three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the top of Everest. Much (9) _____. It does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags (10) _____ the waste problem. It wrote: "This measure...will help restore the dignity of (11) _____." It added that the waste bags would, "(12) _____ of both climbers and the local environment".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POO SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about poo in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **poo** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
