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Mount Everest security guards to stop fights

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THE ARTICLE

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Tempers can get hot even in the freezing conditions on Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain. So hot, in fact, that fights break out among climbers. One brawl erupted last April between climbers from Europe and local Sherpas. The free-for-all happened at 7,470m, 1,400m below the summit. It started over an argument about how to fix mountaineering ropes on the slopes. The dispute was resolved without anyone suffering serious injuries. With Everest becoming more and more crowded, Nepalese officials are attempting to nip any more trouble in the bud by deploying a team of security guards. The nine-person team will be ready to deal with any alpine altercations before the climbing season begins in April.

An official from Nepal's tourism ministry told the Himalayan Times website that last year's skirmish raised concerns about the safety and security of climbers on the mountain, especially given that law enforcement officers were days away. He said: "We will open an office at the base camp with a team of government officials, including the army and police personnel. This will make it easy to resolve any conflict." He added: "The presence of security officials at the base camp will give a psychological feeling to climbers that they are safe." He said the security officers could also assist with "medical help, rescues or anything else", adding: "We want to make things easier for climbers."

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WARM-UPS

1. MOUNT EVEREST: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Mount Everest. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

tempers / freezing conditions / fights / climbers / summit / slopes / trouble / season / tourism / safety / mountain / personnel / psychological / medical help / anything else

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SECURITY GUARDS: Where do we need them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Needed?	Why?	What they'd do:
On Mt. Everest			
Shopping malls			
My front door			
Parks			
Trains and buses			
Museums			

4. NO CLIMBING: Students A **strongly** believe climbing on Mt. Everest should be stopped; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TEMPER: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that make you angriest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- politicians
- rudeness
- customer service
- TV shows
- global warming
- neighbours
- English
- places with no wi-fi

6. SAFETY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "safety". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140224-security-guards.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Tempers get hotter in freezing conditions than anywhere else. | T / F |
| b. The article mentioned a fight between Europeans and local sherpas. | T / F |
| c. The Nepalese are planting trees that are in bud on Mt. Everest. | T / F |
| d. A 90-person security team will protect Everest's climbers from April. | T / F |
| e. Nepal's tourism authorities aren't worried about the safety of climbers. | T / F |
| f. A government office will open at Everest's base camp. | T / F |
| g. Soldiers and police will help keep the peace among climbers. | T / F |
| h. The security guards will also help with things like first-aid. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. conditions | a. sorted out |
| 2. brawl | b. help |
| 3. resolved | c. arguments |
| 4. deploying | d. group |
| 5. altercations | e. conditions |
| 6. concerns | f. situations |
| 7. team | g. existence |
| 8. presence | h. fight |
| 9. assist | i. worries |
| 10. things | j. sending |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Tempers can get hot even in | a. ministry |
| 2. The free-for-all | b. in the bud |
| 3. nip any more trouble | c. enforcement officers |
| 4. deploying a | d. happened at 7,470m |
| 5. ready to deal with any alpine | e. with medical help |
| 6. Nepal's tourism | f. the freezing conditions |
| 7. raised | g. any conflict |
| 8. law | h. team of security guards |
| 9. resolve | i. concerns about... |
| 10. assist | j. altercations |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140224-security-guards.html>

Tempers can get hot even in the (1) _____ conditions on Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain. So hot, in (2) _____, that fights break out among climbers. One brawl erupted last April between climbers from Europe and local Sherpas. The (3) _____-for-all happened at 7,470m, 1,400m below the (4) _____. It started over an argument about how to fix mountaineering ropes on the slopes. The dispute was (5) _____ without anyone suffering serious injuries. With Everest becoming more and more crowded, Nepalese officials are attempting to (6) _____ any more trouble in the bud by deploying a team of security guards. The nine-person team will be ready to (7) _____ with any alpine altercations before the climbing (8) _____ begins in April.

nip
fact
season
freezing
free
resolved
deal
summit

An official from Nepal's tourism (9) _____ told the Himalayan Times website that last year's skirmish (10) _____ concerns about the safety and security of climbers on the mountain, especially given that law (11) _____ officers were days away. He said: "We will open an office at the base camp with a team of government officials, including the army and police (12) _____. This will make it easy to resolve any (13) _____." He added: "The presence of security officials at the base camp will give a (14) _____ feeling to climbers that they are safe." He said the security officers could also (15) _____ with "medical help, rescues or anything else", adding: "We want to make (16) _____ easier for climbers."

psychological
personnel
raised
things
ministry
conflict
assist
enforcement

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Tempers can get hot even in _____
 - a. the freezing conditions
 - b. the frozen conditions
 - c. the freeze in conditions
 - d. the free zing conditions
- 2) The free-for-all happened at 7,470m, 1,400m _____
 - a. below the summits
 - b. above the summit
 - c. above the summits
 - d. below the summit
- 3) It started over an argument about how to fix mountaineering _____
 - a. ropes on the slope
 - b. ropes on the slips
 - c. ropes on the slopes
 - d. ropes on the slip
- 4) Nepalese officials are attempting to nip any more _____
 - a. trouble in the bad
 - b. trouble in the bed
 - c. trouble in the bud
 - d. trouble in the bid
- 5) The nine-person team will be ready to deal with _____
 - a. any alpine altar key shuns
 - b. any alpine altercations
 - c. any alpine alterations
 - d. any alpine alternations
- 6) An official from Nepal's _____
 - a. tourist ministry
 - b. tourism ministry
 - c. tourists' ministry
 - d. touristic ministry
- 7) especially given that law enforcement officers _____
 - a. were days always
 - b. were days a way
 - c. were days away
 - d. were days anyway
- 8) a team of government officials, including the army _____
 - a. and police personal
 - b. and police person all
 - c. and police purse on all
 - d. and police personnel
- 9) The presence of security officials at the base camp will give _____
 - a. a psychopathical feeling
 - b. a psychological feeling
 - c. a psychology feeling
 - d. a psychologically feeling
- 10) the security officers could also assist with "medical help, rescues _____
 - a. and nothing else
 - b. or any things else
 - c. or anything else
 - d. and anything else

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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An official from Nepal's (7) _____ the Himalayan Times website that last year's (8) _____ about the safety and security of climbers on the mountain, especially given that law enforcement officers were days away. He said: "We (9) _____ at the base camp with a team of government officials, including the army and police personnel. This will make it (10) _____ conflict." He added: "The (11) _____ officials at the base camp will give a psychological feeling to climbers that they are safe." He said the security officers could also assist with "medical help, (12) _____ else", adding: "We want to make things easier for climbers."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140224-security-guards.html>

1. In what conditions did the article say tempers can get hot?

2. When did a fight erupt between Sherpas and Europeans?

3. How far below Everest's summit did the fight happen?

4. What was the fight about?

5. What happens in April?

6. With whom did the fight raise concerns?

7. How close were the nearest law enforcement officials?

8. Where will the new government office be?

9. What will the security team make it easier to do?

10. What does Nepal's tourism ministry want to do for climbers?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140224-security-guards.html>

1. In what conditions did the article say tempers can get hot?
 - a) heatwaves
 - b) freezing conditions
 - c) good conditions
 - d) challenging ones
2. When did a fight erupt between Sherpas and Europeans?
 - a) a few months ago
 - b) last week
 - c) New Year's Eve
 - d) last April
3. How far below Everest's summit did the fight happen?
 - a) 1,400 metres
 - b) 14,000 metres
 - c) 1.4 metres
 - d) 14 metres
4. What was the fight about?
 - a) which route to take
 - b) food
 - c) ropes
 - d) a glove
5. What happens in April?
 - a) the World Ice Festival
 - b) the climbing season starts
 - c) the snow melts
 - d) it's Everest's 10,000th birthday
6. With whom did the fight raise concerns?
 - a) Nepal's government
 - b) a famous mountaineer
 - c) the local yaks
 - d) India
7. How close were the nearest law enforcement officials?
 - a) 872 metres
 - b) they were right there
 - c) days away
 - d) about a 3-hour drive away
8. Where will the new government office be?
 - a) Everest base camp
 - b) Kathmandu
 - c) at Nepal's tourism ministry
 - d) at the summit
9. What will the security team make it easier to do?
 - a) resolve any conflict
 - b) get a climbing permit
 - c) arrest people
 - d) reach the top
10. What does Nepal's tourism ministry want to do for climbers?
 - a) give them a certificate
 - b) take their photos
 - c) give them free soup
 - d) make things easier

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Politicians

You think politicians cause the most anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): rudeness, customer service or English.

Role B – Rudeness

You think rudeness causes the most anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): politicians, customer service or English.

Role C – Customer Service

You think customer service causes the most anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): rudeness, politicians or English.

Role D – English

You think English causes the most anger. Tell the others three reasons why. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to cause anger (and why): rudeness, customer service or politicians.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140224-security-guards.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'security' and 'guard'.

security	guard

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hot• last• fix• serious• bud• April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• concerns• law• open• feeling• help• easier
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MOUNT EVEREST SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Mount Everest 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.

MOUNT EVEREST DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Mt. Everest'?
- c) What kind of person does it take to climb Mt. Everest?
- d) What do you think of fights happening so near the summit?
- e) How would a climber feel if they got injured in a fight and had to end their climb?
- f) Do you have a hot temper?
- g) Should people be allowed to climb Mt. Everest?
- h) What other problems do climbers cause that you are aware of?
- i) Is it a good idea to send security guards to Everest?
- j) Should people who fight on Everest be banned from the mountain?

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MOUNT EVEREST DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How dangerous do you think it is to climb Mt. Everest?
- c) Give three reasons for why you would or would not climb Everest?
- d) How effective do you think the security team will be?
- e) What might the job requirements of an Everest security guard be?
- f) Do you think climbers will feel safe with the team there?
- g) Do you think there'll be a mall on Everest one day?
- h) What would you worry about if you climbed Everest?
- i) What do you know about Mount Everest?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a climber who has scaled Everest?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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An official from Nepal's tourism ministry told the Himalayan Times website that last year's (7) _____ raised concerns about the safety and security of climbers on the mountain, especially (8) _____ that law enforcement officers were days away. He said: "We will open an office at the base camp with a team of government officials, including the army and police (9) _____. This will make it easy to resolve (10) _____ conflict." He added: "The presence of security officials at the base camp will give a psychological feeling to climbers that they are safe." He said the security officers could also assist (11) _____ "medical help, rescues or anything else", adding: "We want to make (12) _____ easier for climbers."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) evening | (b) event | (c) even | (d) evens |
| 2. | (a) break | (b) turn | (c) come | (d) reach |
| 3. | (a) free | (b) lottery | (c) punch | (d) pain |
| 4. | (a) resolved | (b) revealed | (c) reveled | (d) revolved |
| 5. | (a) tip | (b) nip | (c) rip | (d) sip |
| 6. | (a) altar stations | (b) alternations | (c) alterations | (d) altercations |
| 7. | (a) blemish | (b) radish | (c) skirmish | (d) skittish |
| 8. | (a) taken | (b) done | (c) been | (d) given |
| 9. | (a) personnel | (b) team | (c) soldiers | (d) officer |
| 10. | (a) such | (b) any | (c) many | (d) whole |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) with | (c) for | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) all | (b) whole | (c) things | (d) them |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the freezing sinoiontdc on Mount Everest
2. One brawl pdteeru last April
3. The erfe-rfo-lla happened at 7,470m
4. The dispute was deeslovr
5. edylngiop a team of security guards
6. deal with any alpine eoitntcaarsl

Paragraph 2

7. last year's mshiksri raised concerns
8. law nofeermntc officers
9. police onrepslen
10. security floiicafs
11. give a lglocashyicop feeling to climbers
12. medical help, esreecu or anything else

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Tempers can get hot even in the freezing conditions on Mount Everest, the world's
- () highest mountain. So hot, in fact, that fights break out among climbers. One brawl
- () slopes. The dispute was resolved without anyone suffering serious injuries. With Everest becoming more and more
- () crowded, Nepalese officials are attempting to nip any more trouble in the bud by deploying a team
- () erupted last April between climbers from Europe and local Sherpas. The free-for-all happened at 7,470m,
- () of security guards. The nine-person team will be ready to deal with any alpine altercations before the climbing season begins in April.
- () enforcement officers were days away. He said: "We will open an office at the base camp with a team of government officials,
- () "The presence of security officials at the base camp will give a psychological
- () An official from Nepal's tourism ministry told the Himalayan Times website that last year's skirmish raised
- () 1,400m below the summit. It started over an argument about how to fix mountaineering ropes on the
- () help, rescues or anything else", adding: "We want to make things easier for climbers."
- () concerns about the safety and security of climbers on the mountain, especially given that law
- () including the army and police personnel. This will make it easy to resolve any conflict." He added:
- () feeling to climbers that they are safe." He said the security officers could also assist with "medical

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. the get in conditions can even freezing Tempers hot.

2. about ropes how to An fix argument mountaineering.

3. was dispute The suffering anyone without resolved.

4. any in nip trouble bud to more the Attempting.

5. with deal to Ready altercations alpine any.

6. skirmish safety raised concerns Last about year's the.

7. office will team camp at open with the an We a base.

8. presence officials base The security the of at camp.

9. they are safe Give a psychological feeling to climbers that.

10. officers assist help security also medical The could with.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140224-security-guards.html>

Tempers can get hot even in the *froze* / *freezing* conditions on Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain. So hot, in *factual* / *fact*, that fights break out among climbers. One *crawl* / *brawl* erupted last April between climbers from Europe and local Sherpas. The *free-for-all* / *wherewithal* happened at 7,470m, 1,400m *below* / *above* the summit. It started *over* / *under* an argument about how to fix mountaineering ropes on the slopes. The dispute was resolved without anyone suffering *seriously* / *serious* injuries. With Everest becoming more and more *crowdsourced* / *crowded*, Nepalese officials are attempting to *nip* / *nap* any more trouble in the bud by deploying a team of security guards. The nine-person team will be ready to deal with any alpine *alterations* / *altercations* before the climbing season begins in April.

An official from Nepal's tourism *ministry* / *minstrel* told the Himalayan Times website that last year's skirmish *upped* / *raised* concerns about the safety and security of climbers on the mountain, *particular* / *especially* given that law enforcement officers were days *in* / *away*. He said: "We will open an office at the *base* / *basic* camp with a team of government officials, including the army and police personnel. This will make it easy to *revolve* / *resolve* any conflict." He added: "The *presents* / *presence* of security officials at the base camp will give a *pathological* / *psychological* feeling to climbers that they are safe." He said the security officers could also *resist* / *assist* with "medical help, rescues or anything else", adding: "We want to make *all* / *things* easier for climbers."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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T_m_p_r_s c_n g_t h_t _v_n _n th_ fr__z_ng c_nd_t__ns
_n M__nt _v_r_st, th_ w_rld's h_gh_st m__nt__n. S_
h_t, _n f_ct, th_t f_ghts br__k __t _m_ng cl_mb_rs.
n br_wl _r_pt_d l_st _pr_l b_tw__n cl_mb_rs fr_m
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7,470m, 1,400m b_l_w th_ s_mm_t. _t st_rt_d _v_r_n
_rg_m_nt _b__t h_w_t_f_x m__nt__n__r_ng r_p_s_n
th_ sl_p_s. Th_ d_sp_t_ w_s r_s_lv_d w_th__t _ny_n_
s_ff_r_ng s_r__s _nj_r__s. W_th _v_r_st b_c_m_ng
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H_m_l_y_n T_m_s w_bs_t__th_t l_st y__r's sk_rm_sh
r__s_d c_nc_rns _b__t th_ s_f_ty _nd s_c_r_ty _f
cl_mb_rs _n th_ m__nt__n, _sp_c__lly g_v_n th_t l_w
_nf_rc_m_nt __ff_c_rs w_r_d_y_s _w_y. H_s__d: "W_
w_ll _p_n_n __ff_c__t th_b_s_c mp w_th __t__m_f
g_v_rnm_nt __ff_c__ls, _ncl_d_ng th_ _rmy _nd p_l_c_
p_rs_nn_l. Th_s w_ll m_k__t __sy t_r_s_lv__ny
c_nfl_ct." H__dd_d: "Th_ pr_s_nc__f s_c_r_ty
__ff_c__ls _t th_b_s_c mp w_ll g_v__psych_l_g_c_l
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Mount Everest. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MOUNT EVEREST: Make a poster about Mount Everest. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SECURITY: Write a magazine article about having security guards on Mount Everest. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a mountain-climbing expert. Ask him/her three questions about Mount Everest. Give him/her three of your opinions on climbing it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d F e F f T g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. conditions | a. situations |
| 2. brawl | b. fight |
| 3. resolved | c. sorted out |
| 4. deploying | d. sending |
| 5. altercations | e. arguments |
| 6. concerns | f. worries |
| 7. team | g. group |
| 8. presence | h. existence |
| 9. assist | i. help |
| 10. things | j. conditions |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Freezing conditions
2. Last April
3. 1,400 metres
4. Mountaineering ropes
5. The mountain-climbing season begins
6. Nepal's tourism ministry
7. Days away
8. At base camp
9. Resolve any conflict
10. Make things easier

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)