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Polish climbers in heroic Himalaya rescue

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THE READING

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A dramatic rescue took place on one of the world's most dangerous mountains. An elite team of climbers from Poland made a dangerous night ascent of the 8,126-meter-high Nanga Parbat in the Pakistani Himalayas. The peak is known as "Killer Mountain" because of the number of climbers who have died there. The team rescued French climber Elisabeth Revol. She was 7,400 meters up on the icy slopes. Unfortunately, a climber Ms Revol was climbing with is still missing. The conditions were too dangerous for the rescuers to spend any more time on the rescue mission.

The elite climbers were attempting the first ever winter ascent of the nearby K2 mountain, the second highest in the world. The drama began on Saturday when army helicopters spotted Revol in trouble. The helicopters flew the Polish climbers from K2 to Nanga Parbat, 4,900 meters up. The team then made its daring rescue in total darkness. Unfortunately, conditions were too dangerous for Ms Revol's co-climber Tomasz Mackiewicz to be rescued. A rescuer said: "The rescue for Tomasz is unfortunately not possible....It would put the life of rescuers in extreme danger."

Sources: <https://www.voanews.com/a/polish-team-rescues-french-climber-pakistan-nanga-parbat/4228241.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A dramatic rescue took | a. for the rescuers |
| 2. An elite team | b. ascent |
| 3. made a dangerous night | c. on the icy slopes |
| 4. The peak is known | d. mission |
| 5. the number of climbers who | e. of climbers |
| 6. She was 7,400 meters up | f. place |
| 7. The conditions were too dangerous | g. have died there |
| 8. the rescue | h. as "Killer Mountain" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. elite | a. dangerous |
| 2. the first ever winter ascent of | b. in trouble |
| 3. the second highest | c. of rescuers |
| 4. army helicopters spotted Revol | d. danger |
| 5. The team then made its daring | e. in the world |
| 6. conditions were too | f. climbers |
| 7. the life | g. rescue |
| 8. in extreme | h. the nearby K2 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A dramatic rescue (1) _____ one of the world's most dangerous mountains. An (2) _____ climbers from Poland made a dangerous night ascent of the 8,126-meter-high Nanga Parbat in the Pakistani Himalayas. The (3) _____ as "Killer Mountain" because of the (4) _____ who have died there. The team rescued French climber Elisabeth Revol. She was 7,400 meters up on the icy slopes. Unfortunately, a climber Ms Revol (5) _____ is still missing. The conditions were too dangerous for the rescuers to spend any more time on (6) _____.

The elite climbers were attempting (7) _____ winter ascent of the nearby K2 mountain, the second highest in the world. The (8) _____ Saturday when army helicopters spotted Revol in trouble. The helicopters flew the Polish climbers from K2 to Nanga Parbat, (9) _____. The team then made its daring rescue in total darkness. Unfortunately, conditions (10) _____ for Ms Revol's co-climber Tomasz Mackiewicz (11) _____. A rescuer said: "The rescue for Tomasz is unfortunately not possible....It would put the life of rescuers (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE HIMALAYAS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180130-himalayas-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Himalayas 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) _____

