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Level 1 – 29th May 2025

Sherpa climbs Mount Everest for record 31st time

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A Sherpa has broken the record for climbing Mount Everest. Kami Rita is a guide in the Himalayas. He reached the top of Everest for the 31st time. Rita got to the top of the 8,849-metre mountain on Tuesday. He was guiding a team from the Indian army. Rita was hired by the company Seven Summit Treks. A spokesman said Kami Rita was a "climbing hero" and a "symbol of Everest". Another spokesman called Rita a "passionate climber".

Kami Rita is called "Everest Man". He first climbed Everest in 1994. He climbs it almost every year. More than 8,000 people have got to the top of Everest. The first people were New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. They did this in 1953. Many climbers try to get to the summit every year. They need a permit. Nepal gave 421 permits last year. Climbing Everest is dangerous because of altitude sickness, freezing weather, and avalanches.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/nepali-sherpa-scales-mount-everest-record-31st-time-2025-05-27/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A Sherpa has broken | a. hero |
| 2. Rita is a guide | b. the record |
| 3. He reached the | c. top |
| 4. Rita got to the | d. climber |
| 5. He was guiding a team from | e. in the Himalayas |
| 6. Kami Rita was a climbing | f. of Everest |
| 7. a symbol | g. top of Everest |
| 8. a passionate | h. the Indian army |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Kami Rita is called | a. got to the top |
| 2. He first climbed Everest | b. sickness |
| 3. He climbs it almost | c. in 1994 |
| 4. More than 8,000 people have | d. weather |
| 5. They need a | e. dangerous |
| 6. Climbing Everest is | f. "Everest Man" |
| 7. altitude | g. permit |
| 8. freezing | h. every year |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Sherpa has (1) _____ for climbing Mount Everest. Kami Rita is (2) _____ the Himalayas. He reached the top of Everest for the 31st time. Rita got to (3) _____ the 8,849-metre mountain on Tuesday. He was (4) _____ from the Indian army. Rita was hired by the company Seven Summit Treks. A spokesman said Kami Rita was (5) _____ and a "symbol of Everest". Another spokesman called Rita (6) _____.

Kami Rita is called "Everest Man". (7) _____ Everest in 1994. He climbs it (8) _____. More than 8,000 people (9) _____ the top of Everest. The first people were New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. They did this in 1953. Many (10) _____ get to the summit every year. They (11) _____. Nepal gave 421 permits last year. Climbing Everest is dangerous because of altitude sickness, (12) _____ avalanches.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MT. EVEREST SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2505/250529-record-everest-climb-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Mt. 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.

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 **Mt. Everest** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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