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Sherpa climbs Mount Everest for record 31st time

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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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A Sherpa from Nepal has broken the record for climbing Mount Everest. Kami Rita, 55, is a guide in the Himalayas. He has reached the summit of Mount Everest for the 31st time. He broke his own record of 30 climbs. Rita got to the top of the 8,849-metre mountain on Tuesday. He was guiding a team from the Indian army. He had help from 27 other Sherpas. Rita was hired by the company Seven Summit Treks. A spokesman said Kami Rita was "a national climbing hero" and a "symbol of Everest". Another spokesman called Rita "a very passionate climber".

Kami Rita is called "Everest Man". He first climbed Everest in 1994. He has climbed it almost every year since then. More than 8,000 people have got to the top of the world's highest peak. 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. In 2008, Nepal issued 160 permits. That increased to 421 last year. Nepal limits the number of permits for safety reasons. Climbing Everest is dangerous. Dangers include altitude sickness, freezing weather, and avalanches.

Sources: <https://www.reuters.com/lifestyle/nepali-sherpa-scales-mount-everest-record-31st-time-2025-05-27/>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/mount-everest-sherpa-nepal-kathmandu-tenzing-norgay-b2758193.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A Sherpa from Nepal has | a. climber |
| 2. a guide in | b. record of 30 climbs |
| 3. He has reached the | c. hero |
| 4. He broke his own | d. summit |
| 5. He was guiding a team from | e. of Everest |
| 6. Rita was a national climbing | f. broken the record |
| 7. a symbol | g. the Indian army |
| 8. a very passionate | h. the Himalayas |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Kami Rita is called | a. every year since |
| 2. He first climbed | b. permit |
| 3. He has climbed it almost | c. weather |
| 4. the top of the world's | d. "Everest Man" |
| 5. climbers try to get | e. highest peak |
| 6. They need a | f. sickness |
| 7. Dangers include altitude | g. Everest in 1994 |
| 8. freezing | h. to the summit |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Sherpa from Nepal has (1) _____ for climbing Mount Everest. Kami Rita, 55, is (2) _____ the Himalayas. He has reached the summit of Mount Everest for the 31st time. He broke (3) _____ of 30 climbs. Rita got to the top of the 8,849-metre mountain on Tuesday. He was (4) _____ from the Indian army. He had help from 27 other Sherpas. Rita was hired by the company Seven Summit Treks. A spokesman said Kami Rita was "a (5) _____" and a "symbol of Everest". Another spokesman called Rita "a (6) _____".

Kami Rita is called "Everest Man". (7) _____ Everest in 1994. He has climbed it almost (8) _____ then. More than 8,000 people have got to the top of the (9) _____. The first people were New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. They did this in 1953. Many climbers try to get to the (10) _____. They need a permit. In 2008, Nepal issued 160 permits. That increased to 421 last year. Nepal limits the (11) _____ for safety reasons. Climbing Everest is dangerous. Dangers include altitude (12) _____, and avalanches.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MT. EVEREST SURVEY

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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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