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Level 0 – 14th August 2025

Nepal makes 97 mountains free to climb

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Nepal is making 97 mountains free to climb. It wants more tourists in poorer areas of the country. A tourism worker said the free mountains are over 6,000 metres high. The number of trekkers in the poorer areas is low because access is difficult. The worker hopes more tourists will create jobs and make the economy stronger.

The fee to climb Mount Everest will also go up. It will rise from \$11,000 to \$15,000. This is the first increase in ten years. Another new rule is trekkers must prove they climbed a Nepalese mountain over 7,000 metres high. This may get more people to try some of the 97 free mountains.

Sources: <https://kathmandupost.com/money/2025/08/09/everest-fees-rise-but-nepal-s-hidden-peaks-are-now-free>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. making 97 mountains | a. of trekkers |
| 2. It wants more | b. of the country |
| 3. poorer areas | c. jobs |
| 4. the free mountains are over | d. difficult |
| 5. The number | e. 6,000 metres |
| 6. access is | f. free to climb |
| 7. more tourists will create | g. stronger |
| 8. make the economy | h. tourists |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The fee to | a. more people to try |
| 2. It will rise from | b. rule |
| 3. This is the first increase | c. \$11,000 to \$15,000 |
| 4. Another new | d. Nepalese mountain |
| 5. prove they climbed a | e. free mountains |
| 6. over | f. climb Mount Everest |
| 7. This may get | g. 7,000 metres high |
| 8. some of the 97 | h. in ten years |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Nepal (1) _____ mountains free to climb. It wants more tourists (2) _____ of the country. (3) _____ said the free mountains are over 6,000 metres high. The (4) _____ in the poorer areas is low because (5) _____. The worker hopes more tourists will (6) _____ and make the economy stronger. The (7) _____ Mount Everest will also go up. It (8) _____ \$11,000 to \$15,000. This is the (9) _____ ten years. Another new rule is trekkers (10) _____ climbed a Nepalese mountain over 7,000 metres high. (11) _____ more people to (12) _____ the 97 free mountains.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TREKKING IN NEPAL

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Write five GOOD questions about trekking in Nepal 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 **trekking in Nepal** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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