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Level 1 – 14th August 2025

Nepal makes 97 mountains free to climb

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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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Nepal is making 97 mountains free to climb for two years. The country wants more tourists in poorer and less-developed areas of the country. A tourism official said the mountains that will have no fees are over 5,970 metres high. He told the "Kathmandu Post" about the new plan. He said the number of trekkers in the poorer areas was low because access was difficult. He hopes more trekkers will create jobs and strengthen the local economy.

Nepal's government will also increase the fee to climb Mount Everest. From September, it will rise from \$11,000 to \$15,000. This is the first increase in ten years. Another new rule is that trekkers must prove they have climbed a Nepalese mountain that is over 7,000 metres high. This may get more people to try some of the 97 free mountains. The tourism department said these mountains are "ideal training grounds" to reach the top of Everest.

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. free to climb for | a. difficult |
| 2. The country | b. have no fees |
| 3. poorer and less- | c. economy |
| 4. mountains that will | d. two years |
| 5. the number of trekkers | e. jobs |
| 6. access was | f. developed areas |
| 7. more trekkers will create | g. in the poorer areas |
| 8. strengthen the local | h. wants more tourists |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. increase the | a. they have climbed |
| 2. it will rise | b. to try some |
| 3. This is the first increase | c. fee |
| 4. trekkers must prove | d. top of Everest |
| 5. a Nepalese mountain that | e. in ten years |
| 6. This may get more people | f. grounds |
| 7. mountains are ideal training | g. is over 7,000 metres |
| 8. reach the | h. from \$11,000 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Nepal is making 97 mountains (1) _____ for two years. The country wants more (2) _____ and less-developed areas of the country. A tourism official said the mountains that will (3) _____ are over 5,970 metres high. He told the "Kathmandu Post" about (4) _____. He said the number of trekkers in the poorer areas was low because (5) _____. He hopes more trekkers will create jobs and strengthen (6) _____.

Nepal's government will also increase the (7) _____ Mount Everest. From September, it will rise from \$11,000 to \$15,000. This is the (8) _____ ten years. Another new rule is that trekkers must (9) _____ climbed a Nepalese mountain that is over 7,000 metres high. This (10) _____ people to try some of the 97 free mountains. The tourism department (11) _____ are "ideal training grounds" to (12) _____ of Everest.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TREKKING IN NEPAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250814-nepal-trekking-4.html>

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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