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Level 2 – 14th August 2025

Nepal makes 97 mountains free to climb

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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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Nepal is making 97 mountains free to climb for two years. The country wants tourists to go trekking in two poor and less-developed areas in the far west of Nepal. A tourism official said the peaks that will have no climbing fees are between 5,970 metres and 7,132 metres high. Nepal's tourism department told the "Kathmandu Post" about the new plan. It said the number of tourists and mountaineers in the poorer areas was low because access was difficult. It hopes more trekkers will create jobs, generate income, and strengthen the local economy.

Nepal's government also said the fee to climb Mount Everest would increase. From September, the cost of climbing the world's highest mountain will rise from \$11,000 to \$15,000. This is the first increase in ten years. An additional rule to climb Everest started earlier this year. Trekkers need to prove they have climbed a peak in Nepal that is over 7,000 metres high. The government hopes this will get more people to try some of the 97 free mountains. The tourism department said the remote 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>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0j99xxd1z1o>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. free to climb | a. difficult |
| 2. two poor and less- | b. income |
| 3. in the far | c. fees |
| 4. the peaks that will have no climbing | d. economy |
| 5. access was | e. west of Nepal |
| 6. It hopes more trekkers will | f. for two years |
| 7. generate | g. developed areas |
| 8. strengthen the local | h. create jobs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. the fee to climb Mount Everest | a. in ten years |
| 2. the cost of climbing the | b. training grounds |
| 3. This is the first increase | c. have climbed a peak |
| 4. An additional rule to | d. top of Everest |
| 5. Trekkers need to prove they | e. people to try |
| 6. this will get more | f. would increase |
| 7. remote mountains are ideal | g. climb Everest |
| 8. reach the | h. world's highest mountain |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Nepal is making 97 mountains (1) _____ for two years. The country wants tourists to go trekking in two poor and less-developed areas in the (2) _____ Nepal. A tourism official said the peaks that will have no climbing (3) _____ 5,970 metres and 7,132 metres high. Nepal's tourism department told the "Kathmandu Post" about the new plan. It said the (4) _____ and mountaineers in the poorer areas was low because (5) _____. It hopes more trekkers will create jobs, generate income, and (6) _____ economy.

Nepal's government also said the (7) _____ Mount Everest would increase. From September, the cost of climbing the world's highest mountain (8) _____ \$11,000 to \$15,000. This is the first increase in ten years. An additional (9) _____ Everest started earlier this year. Trekkers need to prove they have (10) _____ in Nepal that is over 7,000 metres high. The government hopes this will get more people (11) _____ of the 97 free mountains. The tourism department said the remote mountains are "ideal training grounds" to (12) _____ of Everest.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TREKKING IN NEPAL SURVEY

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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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