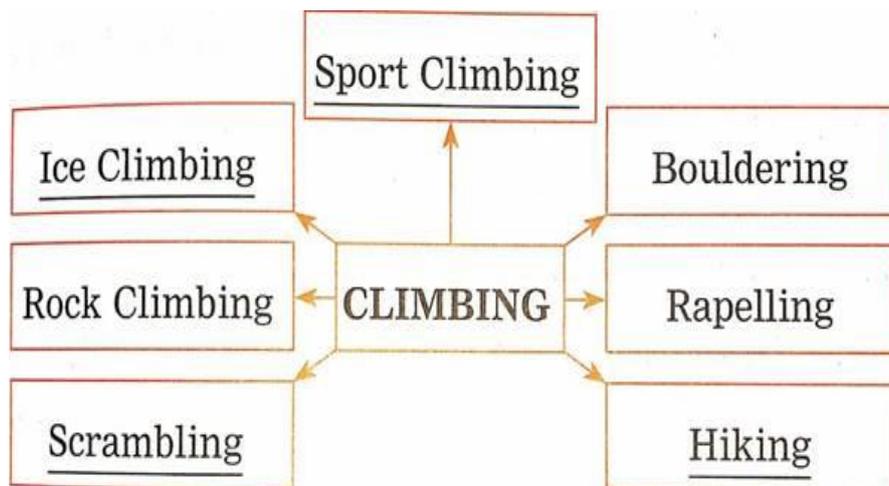


## 1.2 On the summit: We Reach

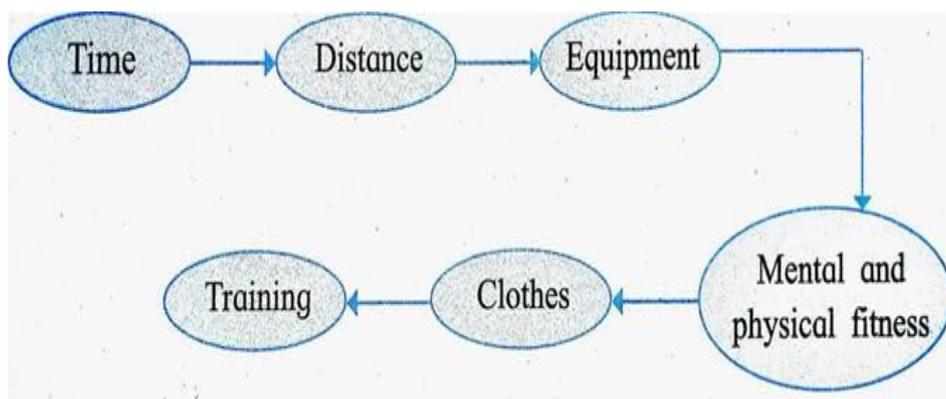
### ICE BREAKERS

- Discuss with your partner and complete the web of different activities related to climbing.

Ans.



- There are certain prerequisites for Mountaineering. With reference to the following points, develop a short dialogue between you and your friend about mountaineering.



Ans. Myself: Hi Shilpa! So, you are coming for the hike, aren't you?

Shilpa: Oh, yes. It's my first overnight hike, so I had to think about things like night clothes and toothbrushes too! it's a good thing that the weather is pleasant.

Myself: Don't worry; I've been on overnight hikes before, and it's fun.

**Shilpa:** The distance too is just right. Not too far and not too near. Where will we stay? Do we need tents? Ropes and things like that?

**Myself:** No, there is a school where hikers normally stay. They also have a canteen, so we do not need to carry dinner or breakfast. In fact, we do not carry any food at all; it will be provided en route at various points. All heavy equipment like ropes, etc. are carried by the leaders.

**Shilpa:** That's good.

**Myself:** Don't forget, your clothes must be comfortable and light. Carry a jacket in case it gets cold. And a spare set of clothes in case you get wet. There are waterfalls on the way. Carry a cap too.

**Shilpa:** I have also been exercising this past month, to be fit.

**Myself:** Not only that, you must see if you can climb small mountains in preparation for this higher one. Physical fitness is very important.

**Shilpa:** Yes, I plan to go on short treks to Yeeor Hills here, as training.

**Myself:** Do that. I'll come with you whenever possible. And don't forget - keep a positive mind; you're going to enjoy your first trek.

**Shilpa:** Yes, I hope to. I am also going to follow the instructions diligently. I want to be a regular hiker, like you.

**Myself:** You're welcome. It's really great fun. Bye.

**Shilpa:** Bye.

• **Discuss with your partner the various hazards and risks that a mountaineer/ trekker has to face in an expedition.**

**Ans.** [Points: (1) natural - climate, avalanche, rock falls, altitude, falling ice, animals, etc.

(2) man-made - lack of fitness, over-exertion, accidents, bad equipment, bad planning of route, lack of team work, food, etc.]

### **Brainstorming**

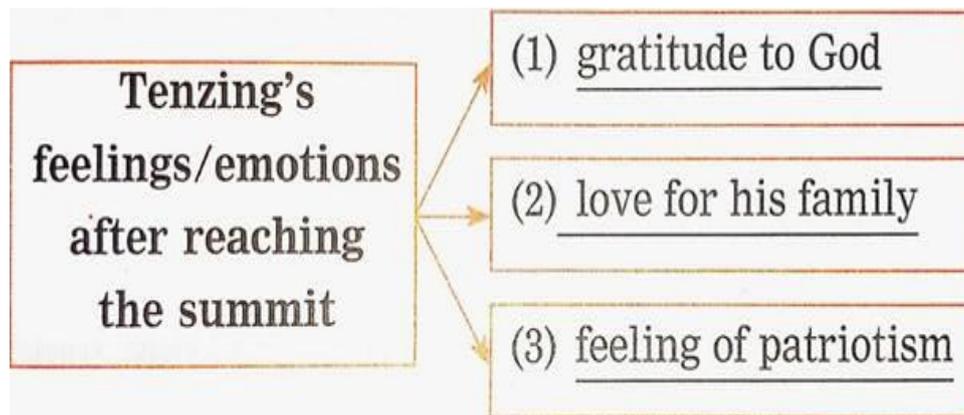
**(A1) Summarise to the class in your own words the highly risky and dangerous journey of Tenzing and Hillary from the base to the top of Mt. Everest.**

**Ans.** Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary created history by being the first two individuals to reach the summit of Mount Everest. This was accomplished on 29

May 1953. It was a tough and challenging climb but Tenzing wanted to get to the top even if he died. Hillary and he alternated in taking the lead. The man going in the lead cuts the steps and breaks the way. The anchor, who follows, has a difficult job both in climbing up and climbing down. They often went over dangerous ground, and climbing took all their attention. There were steep rocks. They had bulky equipment and oxygen masks to carry. They couldn't even quench their thirst after the climb as the water in their containers had frozen. The summit was small and only two or three people could stand there. There was snow on the northern side, rocks on the South and East and snowy rock on the West. The climb down was more difficult and dangerous than the climb up. If you were not cautious and slipped, you would go into the Kangshung glacier and there would be no trace left of you.

(A2) (1) Complete the web highlighting the feelings/emotions of Tenzing after reaching the summit.

Ans.



(ii) Glance through the text again and explain the qualities of Tenzing Norgay. Pick lines that show his unique qualities. One is done for you.

Ans.

Qualities	Lines
1. Patriotism	I told Colonel Hunt that I was carrying the Indian flag with me and I would like it to be on the top with the other flags.
2. Determination	I was to get to the top even if I die.
3. Discipline	I had to ask Colonel Hunt's permission in his capacity as leader of the expedition.
4. Perseverance	This was slow and difficult.
5. Courage	I was not afraid to die that day.

(iii) Write down the significance of the following in the context of 'On to the Summit' :

### 1. Red scarf

**Ans.** The red scarf had been given to Tenzing a year earlier, on May 28, by his great friend Lambert, when they were standing at 28,215 feet. Lambert had been the leader of the 1952 Swiss expedition. Tenzing had worn the scarf during the climb with Hillary, and as he stood at the summit, he remembered his friend and felt that he was with him.

### 2. Husiar

**Ans.** This meant that they had to be cautious while climbing down as there was the fear of slipping. If you slipped down, you would go into Kangshung glacier.

### 3. Kerosene flavoured tea

**Ans.** Those who were waiting at Camp Eight had made tea to welcome Hillary and Tenzing after their successful climb. In the excitement and hurry of the welcome, some kerosene had got into the cup, without anyone realizing it. However, as Tenzing drank the tea which smelt of kerosene, he understood the trouble that had been taken to bring the tea to them, and the affection behind it, and decided to enjoy it. He humorously calls it 'kerosene flavoured tea'.

### 4. Ice axe

**Ans.** Tenzing had with him the four flags on a piece of string. He fastened one end to the ice axe and held up the other end while Hillary took pictures of him on the summit. Thus, the ice axe was useful not only while climbing but also for holding up the flags, and was made immortal in the photographs.

### 5. Anchor

**Ans.** In mountain climbing, the man who follows the lead while climbing up or climbing down is the 'anchor'. He/She is the person who provides stability or confidence in an otherwise uncertain situation.

**(A3) (i) Add suitable suffixes (-tion, -ly, -ment, -ous) and prefixes (un, il, im) to the words given below. One is done for you.**

**Ans.**

Sr. No	Word	Prefix	Suffix
1.	absolute	-	Absolutely
2.	fulfill	unfulfill	Fulfillment
3.	determine	-	Determination
4.	danger	-	Dangerous

5.	tight	-	Tightly
6.	clear	unclear	Clearly
7.	sure	unsure	Surely
8.	legal	illegal	Legally
9	legitimate	illegitimate	Legitimately
10.	possible	impossible	possibly

(ii) By filling appropriate letters in the blank spaces, you will get a past participle from it. Use the word as adjective in your own sentence. One is done for you.

(a) s\_ \_n\_d

**Ans. Word :** SIGNED

**Sentence:** The advocate took all the signed documents to the court.

(b) p\_ \_z\_d

**Ans. Word:** PRIZED

**Sentence:** Seema was shocked to know that her prized possessions had been stolen.

(c) f\_ \_t\_ e n e\_

**Ans. Word:** FLATTENED

**Sentence:** The flattened grass indicated that a large animal had been sleeping there.

(d) b\_i\_e\_

**Ans. Word:** BOILED

**Sentence:** I like to add butter and salt to boiled potatoes before eating.

(iii) Spot the error. One is done for you.

I was not afraid for die that day.

**Correct Sentence-** I was not afraid to die that day.

(a) Tenzing and Hillary made an pact at the office of P M of Nepal

**Ans.** Tenzing and Hillary made a pact at the office of P M of Nepal

(b) I has to bring my ice axe down with me.

**Ans.** I had to bring my ice axe down with me.

(c) Tenzing have spent a night with Camp Eight.

**Ans.** Tenzing has spent a night with Camp Eight.

(d) Pact was signed from Tenzing and Hillary.

**Ans.** Pact was signed between Tenzing and Hillary.

(e) I and Hillary were in no mood of talking.

Ans. Hillary and i were in no mood of talking.

(A4) When Tenzing and Hillary reached the summit, Tenzing in utter joy said, "We have done it." In this sentence the subject (we) is the doer of the action while it (achieving the feat) is the subject. The verb of passive voice is formed by using the correct form of the verb 'to be' + past participle of the main verb.

Construct the sentences accordingly.

Now carefully go through the changes in both the sentences and do the changes accordingly in the remaining sentences.

• We have done it.

It has been done by us.

(a) We made a pact.

Ans. The pact was made by us.

(b) I offered silent prayer in my heart.

Ans. A silent prayer was offered in my heart by me.

(c) Colonel Hunt gave me three flags.

Ans. Three flags were given to me by colonel hunt.

(d) I was carrying the Indian flag.

Ans. The indian flag was being carried by me.

(e) I took photographs of Tenzing holding aloft the flags.

Ans. Photographs of tenzing holding aloft the flags were taken by me.

(f) I remembered him.

Ans. He was remembered by me.

(g) We spent the night at Camp Eight.

Ans. The night was spent by us at camp eight.

(A5) (1) After reading the text one can easily understand that there is a lot of risk involved in mountaineering. Write in short about any adventure sport that you like and the risk involved in it.

Ans. I like to go hiking in the nearby hills. We have a group and we go at least four to five times a year. We have proper hiking kits and boots and a leader who gives instructions and maintains discipline. There are risks involved like bad weather, accidents, unexpected disasters, quarrels, etc. Once, we had gone hiking up a hill during monsoon. Suddenly it began to rain heavily. To our dismay, the small stream at the bottom of the hill had become a gushing river by the time we returned late in the evening. We had to arrange for a thick rope which we could

hold onto while crossing the fast-flowing river. Of course, one person had to first swim across, and that was really dangerous. Thankfully, it ended well.

**(ii) Give your opinion: We should/should not participate in adventure sports because**

**Ans.** I firmly believe that we must participate in adventure sports. Though adventure sports come with their fair share of risks, they also provide us with a sense of adventure that cannot be obtained through other sports. In addition, they test our physical and mental abilities and thus make us stronger. Due to their risky nature, they also train us to have quick responses and presence of mind as there is always a fear of something going wrong in the flash of a second. Moreover, they help us overcome our deepest fears which, in turn, gives us the courage to tackle any obstacle in life.

**(A6) (1) Tenzing and Hillary created history by reaching the summit of Mt. Everest. There are many mountains in Maharashtra where one can fancy his or her chances of climbing them. Imagine that you have climbed a mountain and are immensely thrilled and excited. Write a letter to your friend about it.**

**Ans.** Chitra Mane  
3/40, Kashish Park  
LBS Marg  
Thane - 400 602.  
10 August, 2020

Dear Sonali,

Hi, how are you! How was your first day in college? I am feeling on top of the world right now! I just returned yesterday from a hike to Kalsubai mountain. You remember, I had joined a hiker's club here in Thane and had been going for short hikes these past two years. Well, finally I qualified for the hike to Kalsubai, which is the highest mountain in Maharashtra. It is 5400 ft high.

We were sixteen of us, and we left very early in the morning. We went up to the base village Bari by a mini bus. Then we climbed up. At certain places there were iron bars to help us. Because we went during monsoon, we could see lush green valleys, low clouds and tinkling waterfalls. There were cool winds blowing too.

Luckily, all of us completed the hike without any difficulties. There are proper trekking routes, so it is quite safe. The view from the top was superb, and well worth the climb. You must try trekking too. Bye for now. Write and tell me about your first day at college.

Your loving friend,  
Chitra.

**(ii) You are the college representative and your Principal has assigned to you the task of writing a letter to the Divisional Officer, Satpuda Mountain Ranges,**

**Nagpur, seeking permission for the mountaineering expedition to be organized by your college. Write the letter.**

**Ans.** Dev Kulkarni

NES College

Adenwala Road

Matunga

Mumbai - 400 019.

3 July, 2020

The Divisional Officer

Satpuda Mountain Ranges

Nagpur - 400 002

Sub: Permission for trekking in the Satpuda Mountain Ranges.

Sir,

Our college started a Hikers' Club three months back, and we have already been for three hikes in the mountains nearby.

We request your permission for a two-day mountaineering expedition to the Satpuda Ranges. The expedition will be on 4 and 5 August 2020. There will be sixteen of us, including an experienced hiker who will lead us. We would like to stay the night of 4 August at a nearby place.

Our club will make all the arrangements for the hike. I assure you that we will not leave behind garbage or disturb the tranquillity of the place. Please find enclosed the permission letter from the Principal of our college.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Dev Kulkarni

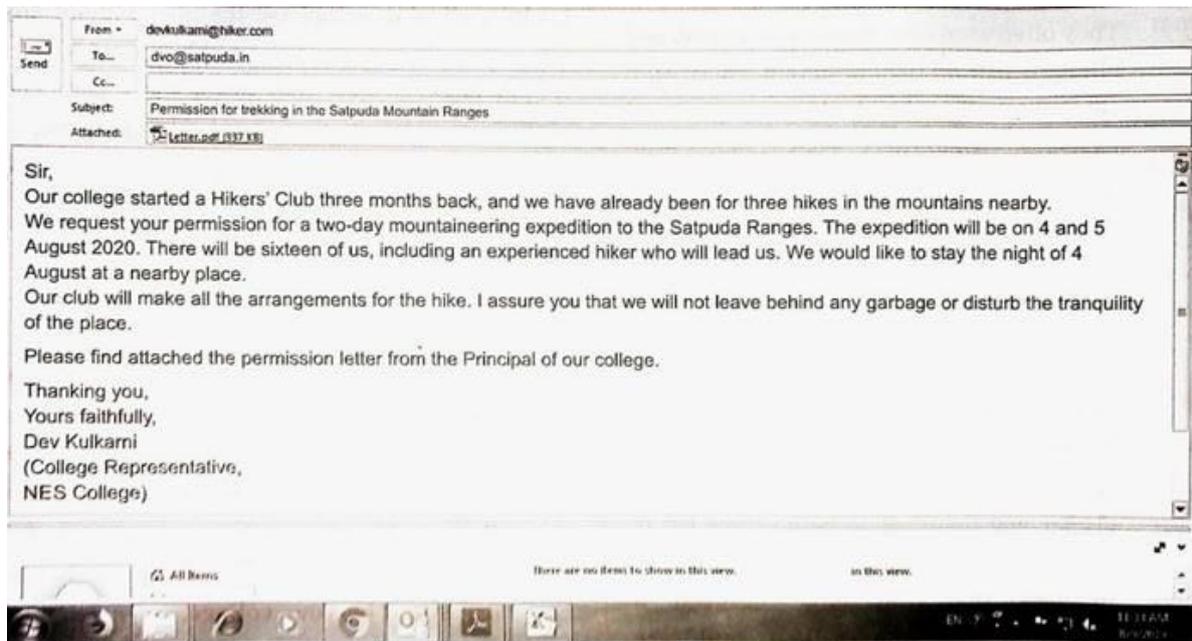
(College Representative,

NES College)

Encl: Permission letter from Principal

**(iii) convert the letter I to e-mail format.**

**Ans.**



## Comparisons

Look at the sentences given below. Find out which one is correct. If the sentence is wrong give reasons.

- a. Sunita is the quieter of four sisters.
- b. Sunita is the quietest of the four sisters.
- c. Anil's computer is more new than mine.
- d. Anil's computer is newer than mine.
- e. I have the wonderfulest mother in the world
- f. I have the most wonderful mother in the world.
- g. Aditi is more carefuller than Mary.
- h. Aditi is more careful than Mary.

Ans.

No.	Sentence	Right/Wrong	Reason
1	Sunita is the quieter of four sisters.	Wrong	When we compare more than two nouns, the superlative form is used.
2	Sunita is the quietest of the four sisters.	Right	-

3	Anil's computer is more new than mine.	Wrong	The comparative form of 'new' is 'newer'.
4	Anil's computer is newer than mine.	Right	-
5	I have the wonderfulest mother in the world.	Wrong	The superlative form of 'wonderful' is 'most wonderful'.
6	I have the most wonderful mother in the world.	Right	-
7	Aditi is more carefuller than Mary.	Wrong	The comparative form of 'careful' is 'more careful'.
8	Aditi more careful than Mary.	Right	-

When we compare more than two nouns, we use superlative adjectives.

For example

a. Milind is taller than John.

b. Zakir is the tallest of the three brothers.

Look at the following sentences and observe the changes in the three sentences.

Discuss the changes and note your responses:

Ans.

Sentence	Responses
a. Atul is not as bright as Milind in studies.	The adjective is in the positive degree, with the use of 'as ..... as'.
b. The dining room is brighter than the kitchen.	The adjective is in the comparative degree, with the use of 'than', as two nouns are being compared.
c. Anne is the brightest girl in the class.	The adjective is in the superlative degree, as more than two nouns are being compared

• Make a list of adjectives in three different forms of comparison. Use different texts to find these.

Ans. Some examples of the three degrees of comparison of Regular Adjectives:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
short	shorter	shortest
large	larger	largest
hot	hotter	hottest
easy	easier	easiest
courageous	more courageous	most courageous
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful

Some examples of adjectives that are compared irregularly :

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
much	more	most
little	less	least

• Fill in the blanks with positive, comparative and superlative forms of the correct adjectives in the brackets.

(1) You are very naughty. You are **not as clever as** your brother. (clever)

(2) The tiger is the **most dangerous** animal in the zoo. (dangerous)

(3) This is **the busiest** road in town. (busy)

(4) My new house is **bigger than** the one I used to live in. (big)

(5) He is the **most forgetful** boy in class. (forgetful)