

Starter:

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After taking a few hours to set up their tent, Hillary and Tenzing crawled inside. They filled themselves up on biscuits, sardines and chicken soup. Hillary worried they might be blown off the edge of the mountain because the wind had picked up.

Wednesday 18th November 2020

LO: To use punctuation.

Today we are going to read the WAGOLL. This is a diary entry written from the view point of Edmund Hillary. It is the day that they reach the summit of Mount Everest. Read with your partner then we will read it as a class.

May 29th 1952 - Journey to the summit.

At 4am the weather looked perfect and the view superb. Tenzing and I made drinks and food before we thawed out our frozen boots over the primus stove because the temperature last night dropped to -27°C. I got the oxygen tanks into the tent so I could test that they were working.

At 6.30am we moved off and taking turns plugged slowly up the side of the mountain. The narrow, dangerous ridge led up to the very impressive, steep snow face running to the South Summit. Tenzing expressed his extreme dislike but we never turned back. Taking turns, we carefully hiked up the vast slope. After several hundred feet, the steepness eased a little which made us feel a little calmer.

After a few hours, we came to a vertical rock step that appeared quite a problem. We questioned, how are we going to get up safely?

However, I was able to jam myself between the rock and snow and with every ounce of my strength, I wriggled up to the top. I brought Tenzing up with difficulty though the narrow passage. I really felt now that we were going to get to the top and that nothing could stop us.

I continued the journey through the icy, treacherous conditions. We were both sapped of energy when finally, at 11.30am we had reached our objective. We were on top of Everest! To the North, we could see the impressive ridge that we had just climbed. We could see the mighty Himalayan peaks of Mahalu and Kangchenjunga.

I went to shake Tenzing's hand when he threw his arms around me. It was quite a moment! We took off our oxygen masks and for ten minutes, I photographed Tenzing holding flags, the ridges of Everest and the impressive view all around us. Tenzing buried sweets, chocolate and coloured pencil as an offering to the Gods of Everest to saying thank you for safe passage. I was a little worried how much oxygen we had left so after 15 min on top we turned back at 11.45am.

At 12.45 we were back on the South Summit both now rather exhausted but we wasted no time (our oxygen was getting low) we retraced our steps down the great slope. After what seemed a lifetime, the steep angle eased off and we made our way down our tracks and collapsed into our Camp at 2pm.

It was an incredible day and quite unbelievable that we are the only two people to have ever made it to the top of Mount Everest. We are now drinking hot lemon tea and we are ready of a deep, peaceful night's sleep. I wonder, what the world will think about our adventure?

What person is the diary entry written in?

Is it written in past tense or present tense?

What do you understand from the diary entry?

Put the diary entry in your plastic wallets.

Can you spot the punctuation in the text? underline with your whiteboard pen.

I DO:

How do I get to the top of Everest?

WE DO:

What an incredible day I had!

YOU DO:

Play noughts and crosses with your partner.

Whichever punctuation you land on, you write a sentence in your book using that punctuation.

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