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Level 1 – 22nd February 2024

Mt Everest climbers must now keep their poo

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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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Mount Everest is the world's highest mountain. An increase in the number of climbers has led to poo being left on the slopes. A local official said: "Our mountains have begun to stink." He added: "Human poo is visible on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It damages our image." Climbers must now buy a bio-degradable "poop bag" for their poo. They then throw the bag away when they come down from the mountain.

The problem of waste and litter on Everest is growing. Climbers leave camping equipment and cans of oxygen on the slopes. There may be over three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the top of Everest. Much of this freezes. It does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags will help to "restore the dignity of this iconic peak". It added that the bags would be good for the health of climbers and the local environment".

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-68237123>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Everest is the world's | a. they come down |
| 2. An increase in the number | b. the slopes |
| 3. poo being left on | c. official |
| 4. a local | d. sick |
| 5. Our mountains have | e. of climbers |
| 6. climbers are falling | f. "poop bag" |
| 7. buy a bio-degradable | g. begun to stink |
| 8. throw the bag away when | h. highest mountain |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The problem of waste | a. of climbers |
| 2. camping | b. freezes |
| 3. cans of | c. environment |
| 4. over three tons | d. oxygen |
| 5. Much of this | e. and litter |
| 6. the dignity of this iconic | f. equipment |
| 7. good for the health | g. peak |
| 8. the local | h. of human poo |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mount Everest (1) _____ highest mountain. An increase in the number of climbers has led to poo being left (2) _____. A local official said: "Our mountains have (3) _____." He added: "Human poo is (4) _____, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It (5) _____." Climbers must now buy a bio-degradable "poop bag" for their poo. They then throw the bag away when they (6) _____ the mountain.

The problem of (7) _____ on Everest is growing. Climbers leave camping equipment and (8) _____ on the slopes. There (9) _____ three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the top of Everest. Much (10) _____. It does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags will help to "restore the dignity of this iconic peak". (11) _____ the bags would be good for (12) _____ climbers and the local environment".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POO SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240222-mount-everest-poo-4.html>

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