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Mt Everest climbers must now keep their poo

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THE ARTICLE

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There is a new rule about going to the toilet on Mount Everest. People climbing the world's highest peak will now have to take their own poo back to Base Camp. There has been an increase in the number of climbers on the mountain. This has led to a problem of human waste being left on the slopes. Mingma Sherpa, a local official, told the BBC: "Our mountains have begun to stink." He added: "We are getting complaints that human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It damages our image." The new rule requires climbers to buy a bio-degradable "poop bag". They can dispose of the bag and its contents when they come down from the mountain. It will be "checked" by workers there.

The problem of waste, litter and pollution on Mt Everest has been growing for years. Many people leave camping equipment on the slopes. Thousands of discarded cans of oxygen litter the mountain. An environmental organization estimated that there was around three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the summit of Everest. Much of this freezes and does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags will help with the waste problem. It wrote: "It is hoped that this measure, along with ongoing clean-up campaigns, will help restore the dignity of this iconic peak." It added that the waste bags would, "safeguard the health of both climbers and the local environment".

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WARM-UPS

1. POO: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about poo. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

rules / the toilet / Mount Everest / poo / climbers / mountains / stink / bio-degradable litter / pollution / camping equipment / oxygen / summit / waste / dignity / health

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EVEREST BAN: Students A **strongly** believe climbing Everest should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MOUNTAIN RULES: What rules should there be for mountains? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Rule	Why?
Toilets		
Cooking		
Camping		
Flora and fauna		
Cars		
Taking things		

5. EVEREST: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Everest". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. WORLD SIGHTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best sights at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Mount Everest
- Amazon rainforest
- Antarctica
- River Nile
- Uluru
- The Sahara Desert
- Grand Canyon
- Great Barrier Reef

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. peak (noun) | a. Can be seen. |
| 2. waste (noun) | b. Things that are not needed anymore and are thrown away; the solid thing(s) that come out of your body after passing through your stomach. |
| 3. slopes | c. To smell very bad. |
| 4. stink (verb) | d. The very top of a mountain or a high point. |
| 5. complaint | e. To get rid of something, usually by throwing it away. |
| 6. visible | f. The sides of a mountain or a hill that are not flat. |
| 7. dispose of | g. The thing you tell someone that you are unhappy about. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. litter (noun) | h. Gussed about how much or how many. |
| 9. equipment | i. Thrown away or left behind. |
| 10. discarded | j. To find out how big, heavy, long, etc., something is. |
| 11. estimated | k. Trash or garbage that is left lying around in public places. |
| 12. summit | l. Tools or things you need to do a particular activity or job. |
| 13. measure | m. Well-known and represents a particular idea or thing. |
| 14. iconic | n. The very top of a mountain. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. There are new toilets at Base Camp on Mount Everest. **T / F**
2. The number of people climbing Everest has fallen. **T / F**
3. A local official said the mountains are starting to smell really bad. **T / F**
4. Climbers have to put their poop in a special bio-degradable bag. **T / F**
5. Climbers have left thousands of oxygen cans on Mount Everest. **T / F**
6. An environmental group said there are about 3 tons of poo on Everest. **T / F**
7. Most of the poo washes into the rocks when it rains. **T / F**
8. A website said the poo bags would have little effect on the environment. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. rule | a. throw away |
| 2. increase | b. ill |
| 3. stink | c. rise |
| 4. sick | d. action |
| 5. dispose of | e. mountain |
| 6. estimated | f. regulation |
| 7. measure | g. protect |
| 8. campaigns | h. calculated |
| 9. peak | i. drives |
| 10. safeguard | j. smell bad |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. There is a new rule about | a. of oxygen |
| 2. People climbing the world's highest | b. the bag and its contents |
| 3. human | c. this iconic peak |
| 4. some climbers are falling | d. equipment |
| 5. They can dispose of | e. peak |
| 6. camping | f. degrade |
| 7. discarded cans | g. going to the toilet |
| 8. Much of this freezes and does not | h. the local environment |
| 9. restore the dignity of | i. sick |
| 10. safeguard the health of both climbers and | j. waste |

GAP FILL

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There is a new rule about going to the toilet on Mount Everest. People climbing the world's highest (1) _____ will now have to take their own poo back to Base Camp. There has been an increase in the (2) _____ of climbers on the mountain. This has led to a problem of human (3) _____ being left on the slopes. Mingma Sherpa, a local official, told the BBC: "Our mountains have begun to (4) _____." He added: "We are getting complaints that human stools are (5) _____ on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It (6) _____ our image." The new rule requires climbers to buy a (7) _____ "poop bag". They can dispose of the bag and its (8) _____ when they come down from the mountain. It will be "checked" by workers there.

stink

damages

number

contents

waste

peak

bio-

degradable

visible

The problem of waste, (9) _____ and pollution on Mt Everest has been growing for years. Many people leave camping equipment on the (10) _____. Thousands of discarded cans of oxygen litter the mountain. An environmental organization (11) _____ that there was around three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the summit of Everest. Much of this freezes and does not (12) _____. The India Today website said the poop bags will help with the waste problem. It wrote: "It is hoped that this (13) _____, along with ongoing clean-up campaigns, will help restore the (14) _____ of this iconic peak." It added that the waste bags would, "(15) _____ the health of both climbers and the (16) _____ environment".

dignity

local

litter

measure

safeguard

estimated

slopes

degrade

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) new rule about going to the toilet on Mount Everest. People climbing the _____
 - a. world's highest perk
 - b. world's highest park
 - c. world's highest peak
 - d. world's highest pack
- 2) This has led to a problem of human waste being left _____
 - a. on the slips
 - b. on the slaps
 - c. on the slopes
 - d. on the slops
- 3) complaints that human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers _____
 - a. are falling sick
 - b. are fallen sick
 - c. are fall in sick
 - d. are failing sick
- 4) This is not acceptable. It _____
 - a. damages our imaged
 - b. damages our imagine
 - c. damages hour image
 - d. damages our image
- 5) They can dispose of the bag and its contents when _____
 - a. they came down
 - b. they come down
 - c. they comes down
 - d. they coming down
- 6) The problem of waste, litter and pollution on Mt Everest has been _____
 - a. growing for years
 - b. grown for years
 - c. growth for years
 - d. grow in for years
- 7) Thousands of discarded cans of oxygen _____
 - a. letter the mountain
 - b. latter the mountain
 - c. little the mountain
 - d. litter the mountain
- 8) three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the _____
 - a. sum mitt of Everest
 - b. some mitt of Everest
 - c. sum might of Everest
 - d. summit of Everest
- 9) The India Today website said the poop bags will help with _____
 - a. the haste problem
 - b. the baste problem
 - c. the waste problem
 - d. the paste problem
- 10) waste bags would, "safeguard the health of both climbers and _____"
 - a. the focal environment
 - b. the locally environment
 - c. the locals environment
 - d. the local environment

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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There is a new rule about going to (1) _____ Mount Everest. People climbing the world's (2) _____ now have to take their own poo back to Base Camp. There has been an increase in the number of climbers on the mountain. This has led to a problem of (3) _____ left on the slopes. Mingma Sherpa, a local official, told the BBC: "Our mountains have (4) _____." He added: "We are getting complaints that human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This (5) _____. It damages our image." The new rule requires climbers to buy a biodegradable "poo bag". They (6) _____ the bag and its contents when they come down from the mountain. It will be "checked" by workers there.

The problem of waste, litter and pollution on Mt Everest has been (7) _____. Many people leave camping equipment on the slopes. Thousands of discarded (8) _____ litter the mountain. An environmental organization estimated that there was around (9) _____ human poo between Base Camp and the summit of Everest. Much of this freezes and (10) _____. The India Today website said the poo bags will help with the waste problem. It wrote: "It is hoped that this measure, along with ongoing clean-up campaigns, will help restore (11) _____ this iconic peak." It added that the waste bags would, "(12) _____ of both climbers and the local environment".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the world's highest peak?
2. What has there been an increase in?
3. What did a local official say the mountains were beginning to do?
4. What is happening to some climbers?
5. Who will check the poop bags?
6. What kind of equipment do climbers leave on the slopes of Mt Everest?
7. What kind of cans do people leave on the mountain?
8. What happens to much of the poo on Mt Everest?
9. Who said the poop bags would help the clean-up campaign?
10. What will the poop bags safeguard besides the health of climbers?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is the world's highest peak?
 - a) Kilimanjaro
 - b) K2
 - c) Mount Everest
 - d) Mount Fuji
- 2) What has there been an increase in?
 - a) climbers
 - b) snow
 - c) stomach problems
 - d) accidents
- 3) What did a local official say the mountains were beginning to do?
 - a) fight back
 - b) melt
 - c) move
 - d) stink
- 4) What is happening to some climbers?
 - a) They are falling over.
 - b) They are getting sick.
 - c) They are reaching the top.
 - d) They are getting angry.
- 5) Who will check the poop bags?
 - a) mountain guides
 - b) climbers
 - c) workers
 - d) the police
- 6) What kind of equipment do climbers leave on the slopes of Mt Everest?
 - a) computer equipment
 - b) medical equipment
 - c) fishing equipment
 - d) camping equipment
- 7) What kind of cans do people leave on the mountain?
 - a) cola cans
 - b) oxygen cans
 - c) kerosene cans
 - d) empty fish cans
- 8) What happens to much of the poo on Mt Everest?
 - a) It steams.
 - b) It decomposes.
 - c) It melts.
 - d) It freezes.
- 9) Who said the poop bags would help the clean-up campaign?
 - a) the India Today website
 - b) the pop-bag makers
 - c) a local official
 - d) climbers
- 10) What will the poop bags safeguard besides the health of climbers?
 - a) water
 - b) flora and fauna
 - c) the future of Everest
 - d) the local environment

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Mount Everest

You think Mount Everest is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Amazon, Antarctica or Sahara.

Role B – The Amazon Rainforest

You think the Amazon is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mount Everest, Antarctica or Sahara.

Role C – Antarctica

You think Antarctica is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Amazon, Mount Everest or Sahara.

Role D – The Sahara Desert

You think the Sahara is the world's greatest sight. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Amazon, Antarctica or Mount Everest.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'mountain' and 'poo'.

mountain	poo
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new• increase• left• stink• damages• dispose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• growing• oxygen• three• website• ongoing• both
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POO SURVEY

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

POO DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Everest'?
3. Should there be more toilets on Mount Everest?
4. Should climbers take all their waste with them?
5. What do you think of people who climb Mount Everest?
6. Should there be a limit on the number of climbers on Everest?
7. Should climbers respect mountains more?
8. How successful do you think the poop bags will be?
9. What do you think of public toilets?
10. What do you think of using toilets in fast food restaurants?

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POO DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'poo'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Mt. Everest?
15. Would you like to climb Everest?
16. How much waste and litter is there in your town?
17. How can we keep our natural environment clean?
18. What do you think of fining climbers who leave waste on Everest?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask climbers on Everest?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The problem of waste, litter and pollution on Mt Everest has been (7) _____ for years. Many people leave camping equipment on the slopes. Thousands of discarded cans of oxygen (8) _____ the mountain. An environmental organization estimated that there was around three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the (9) _____ of Everest. Much of this (10) _____ and does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags will help with the waste problem. It wrote: "It is hoped that this (11) _____, along with ongoing clean-up campaigns, will help restore the dignity of this iconic peak." It added that the waste bags would, "safeguard the health of both climbers and the (12) _____ environment".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) ruler | (b) rule | (c) ruled | (d) rules |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) up | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) was | (b) been | (c) be | (d) being |
| 4. | (a) sting | (b) stink | (c) tinker | (d) tingle |
| 5. | (a) fell | (b) falling | (c) fallen | (d) falls |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) of | (d) in |
| 7. | (a) growth | (b) grew | (c) growing | (d) grown |
| 8. | (a) bitter | (b) critter | (c) litter | (d) jitter |
| 9. | (a) snow | (b) rock | (c) inside | (d) summit |
| 10. | (a) freezing | (b) frozen | (c) freeze | (d) freezes |
| 11. | (a) measure | (b) tape | (c) ruler | (d) gauge |
| 12. | (a) localize | (b) locals | (c) local | (d) locally |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a problem of human sewta
2. We are getting tlonamspci
3. This is not aalcctpeeb
4. a job-dabagedrel poop bag
5. They can sispode of the bag
6. its tosnntce

Paragraph 2

7. litter and oulnltopi
8. camping eignupetm
9. discarded cans of xygoen
10. the utmmsi of Everest
11. the dignity of this cnicio peak
12. regaufdsa the health

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () complaints that human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It damages our
- () peak will now have to take their own poo back to Base Camp. There has been an increase in the number
- () official, told the BBC: "Our mountains have begun to stink." He added: "We are getting
- () up campaigns, will help restore the dignity of this iconic peak." It added that the waste
- () equipment on the slopes. Thousands of discarded cans of oxygen litter the mountain. An environmental
- () of the bag and its contents when they come down from the mountain. It will be "checked" by workers there.
- () The problem of waste, litter and pollution on Mt Everest has been growing for years. Many people leave camping
- () bags would, "safeguard the health of both climbers and the local environment".
- () problem. It wrote: "It is hoped that this measure, along with ongoing clean-
- () freezes and does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags will help with the waste
- () of climbers on the mountain. This has led to a problem of human waste being left on the slopes. Mingma Sherpa, a local
- (**1**) There is a new rule about going to the toilet on Mount Everest. People climbing the world's highest
- () image." The new rule requires climbers to buy a bio-degradable "poop bag". They can dispose
- () organization estimated that there was around three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the summit of Everest. Much of this

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. toilet . new about to rule the A going
2. have take their Climbers poo to own back .
3. human This to waste . a problem led of
4. begun have stink . said He mountains our to
5. workers there . The by be poo will checked
6. on camping people leave Many slopes . equipment the
7. Thousands mountain . of of litter oxygen cans the
8. degrade . this not does and freezes of Much
9. restore the dignity peak . Help iconic of this
10. waste The bags the climbers . safeguard health of

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

There is a new *rule / ruler* about going to the toilet on Mount Everest. People climbing the world's highest *pack / peak* will now have to take their own poo back to Base Camp. There has been an *increase / decrease* in the number of climbers on the mountain. This has *fled / led* to a problem of human waste being left *on / in* the slopes. Mingma Sherpa, a local official, told the BBC: "Our mountains have begun to *stink / sting*." He added: "We are getting *complaints / complains* that human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers are *rising / falling* sick. This is not acceptable. It damages our image." The new rule requires climbers to buy a bio-degradable "poop bag". They can dispose *to / of* the bag and its contents when they come down from the mountain. It will be "checked" *by /of* workers there.

The problem of waste, litter and *pollute / pollution* on Mt Everest has been *growing / grown* for years. Many people leave camping equipment on the *slips / slopes*. Thousands of discarded cans of oxygen litter the mountain. An environmental organization estimated *what / that* there was around three *tins / tons* of human poo between Base Camp and the summit of Everest. Much of this *freezes / frozen* and does not degrade. The India Today website said the poop bags will help *without / with* the waste problem. It wrote: "It is hoped that this measure, *along / long* with ongoing clean-up campaigns, will help restore the dignity of this *iconic / ironic* peak." It added that the waste bags would, "*safety / safeguard* the health of both climbers and the local environment".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_r_ _s _ n_w r_l_ _b__t g__ng t_ th_ t__l_t _n
M__nt _v_r_st. P__pl_ cl_mb_ng th_ w_rld's h_gh_st
p__k w_ll n_w h_v_ t_ t_k_ th__r _wn p__ b_ck t_
B_s_ C_m_p. Th_r_ h_s b__n _n _ncr__s_ _n th_
n_mb_r _f cl_mb_rs _n th_ m__nt__n. Th_s h_s l_d t_
_ pr_bl_m _f h_m_n w_st_ b__ng l_ft _n th_ sl_p_s.
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r_cks, _nd s_m_ cl_mb_rs _r_ f_ll_ng s_ck. Th_s _s
n_t _cc_pt_bl_. _t d_m_g_s __r _m_g_." Th_ n_w r_l_
r_q__r_s cl_mb_rs t_ b_y _ b__-d_gr_d_bl_ "p__p b_g".
Th_y c_n d_sp_s_ _f th_ b_g _nd _ts c_nt_nts wh_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

there is a new rule about going to the toilet on mount everest people climbing the worlds highest peak will now have to take their own poo back to base camp there has been an increase in the number of climbers on the mountain this has led to a problem of human waste being left on the slopes mingma sherpa a local official told the bbc our mountains have begun to stink he added we are getting complaints that human stools are visible on rocks and some climbers are falling sick this is not acceptable it damages our image the new rule requires climbers to buy a biodegradable poop bag they can dispose of the bag and its contents when they come down from the mountain it will be checked by workers there

the problem of waste litter and pollution on mt everest has been growing for years many people leave camping equipment on the slopes thousands of discarded cans of oxygen litter the mountain an environmental organization estimated that there was around three tons of human poo between base camp and the summit of everest much of this freezes and does not degrade the india today website said the poop bags will help with the waste problem it wrote it is hoped that this measure along with ongoing cleanup campaigns will help restore the dignity of this iconic peak it added that the waste bags would safeguard the health of both climbers and the local environment

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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There is a new rule about going to the toilet on Mount Everest. People climbing the world's highest peak will now have to take their own poo back to Base Camp. There has been an increase in the number of climbers on the mountain. This has led to a problem of human waste being left on the slopes. Mingma Sherpa, a local official, told the BBC: "Our mountains have begun to stink." He added: "We are getting complaints that human stools are visible on rocks, and some climbers are falling sick. This is not acceptable. It damages our image." The new rule requires climbers to buy a bio-degradable "poo bag". They can dispose of the bag and its contents when they come down from the mountain. It will be "checked" by workers there. The problem of waste, litter and pollution on Mt Everest has been growing for years. Many people leave camping equipment on the slopes. Thousands of discarded cans of oxygen litter the mountain. An environmental organization estimated that there was around three tons of human poo between Base Camp and the summit of Everest. Much of this freezes and does not degrade. The India Today website said the poo bags will help with the waste problem. It wrote: "It is hoped that this measure, along with ongoing clean-up campaigns, will help restore the dignity of this iconic peak." It added that the waste bags would, "safeguard the health of both climbers and the local environment".

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. POO: Make a poster about poo. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WASTE: Write a magazine article about all climbers taking their waste with them from mountains. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Mt Everest. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how climbers can keep it clean. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. c	3. j	4. b	5. a
6. h	7. d	8. i	9. e	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Mount Everest
2. The number of climbers on Everest
3. Stink
4. They are getting sick
5. Workers
6. Camping equipment
7. Oxygen cans
8. It freezes
9. The India Today website
10. The local environment

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A new rule about going to the toilet.
2. Climbers have to take their own poo back.
3. This led to a problem of human waste.
4. He said our mountains have begun to stink.
5. The poo will be checked by workers there.
6. Many people leave camping equipment on the slopes.
7. Thousands of cans of oxygen litter the mountain.
8. Much of this freezes and does not degrade.
9. Help restore the dignity of this iconic peak.
10. The waste bags safeguard the health of climbers.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)