

## MOUNT EVEREST

On this page from a non-fiction book about mountains, each box of information has been given a heading. It makes it easier to find the answers you're looking for.

### **MOUNT EVEREST**



#### **How big and how old?**

Mount Everest, between Nepal, Tibet and China, is 29,035 feet high or 8848 metres and it grows higher by about ½ cm every year. It is over 60 million years old.

#### **The mountain's history**

People in Europe and the USA didn't know much about the mountain until George Everest studied it in 1841. It was named Mount Everest in 1865.

#### **Who's been to the top?**

The first climbers to reach the summit were Edmund Hillary from New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay from Nepal on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1953. The youngest to climb it are Jordan Romero from America (22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010) and Malavath Poorna from India (25<sup>th</sup> May, 2014). They were both 13 years old when they reached the highest point.

#### **What's the weather like?**

At the top of the mountain it can be as cold as -60<sup>o</sup> C. Sometimes, the wind reaches a speed of 200mph. In May and October, however, it is warmer and calmer. This is the time that climbers try to reach the summit. From June to September, the mountain can be covered in mist with dangerous floods and mud slides.

1. How high is Mount Everest?

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2. How old is Mount Everest?

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3. What part did George Everest play in the history of the mountain?

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4. What word in the text means **the top of the mountain**?

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5. Who were the first people to reach the top?

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6. When did the first people reach the top?

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7. What was the name of the teenage boy who made it to the top?

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