



Key Vocabulary

Edmund Hillary	A famous expeditioner who climbed Mount Everest
Tenzing Norgay	A famous Sirdar who climbed Mount Everest
Mount Everest	The worlds highest mountain
summit	The highest point of a mountain
mountaineering	The activity of climbing mountains
crevasse	A deep, open crack especially in a glacier
avalanche	A mass of snow, ice and rock falling down a mountainside
plummeting	Falling at a speed down something
Sherpas	Himalayan person known for being good at mountaineering
treacherous	Hidden or unpredictable dangers

By the end of this unit, we will ...

- Have explored the trials and tribulations of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, writing a range of narrative and non-fiction pieces exploring their climb of Mount Everest.

Reading skills to be taught

- Read books that are structured in different ways and for different purposes
- Discuss their understanding and explore the meaning of new words in context
- Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction
- Summarise main ideas from across paragraphs, discussing key details
- Provide reasoned justifications

Weekly Independent Writing

Week 1	Write a 2 phrase, 1 word poem around the characterisation of a mountain.	Week 4	Write a recount from the perspective of Edmund or Tenzing pre-climb.
Week 2	Write a biography about the life and achievements of Edmund Hillary.	Week 5	Write a recount from the perspective of Edmund or Tenzing mid-climb.
Week 3	Write a biography about the life and achievements of Tenzing Norgay.	Week 6	Write a newspaper report based on the climbing of Everest and reaching the summit.

Grammatical Devices and Examples

Modal verbs to suggest possibility	Although unlikely, we may still reach the summit.
Relative pronouns	who which that whose whom
Relative clauses	Mount Everest, which is the tallest mountain , stood towering over them.
Fronted adverbials	At midnight , they started climbing again.
Brackets for parenthesis	Tenzing (the Sherpa) was feeling nervous.