



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

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AMAZING ADVENTURERS



Amazing adventurers

Do you ever dream about climbing Mount Everest or visiting Antarctica? Every year, thousands of people try to climb the world's highest mountains or walk across continents. Let's take a look at some of the 21st century's greatest adventurers.

Amazon adventurer

Ed Stafford from the UK is the first person to walk along the Amazon River from the mountains of Peru to the mouth of the river in Brazil. His amazing journey took two years and four months. There are many dangerous animals in the rainforest, like snakes and crocodiles, but Ed was lucky; he was only bitten by ants and mosquitoes. On his trip, Ed had to find fruit and nuts or catch fish each morning.

Technology was very important for Ed. He used a radio to ask the people of the rainforest for food and help. While he walked, Ed wrote a blog to tell the world about climate change and destruction of the rainforest.

A mountain climber

Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner from Austria is one of the world's greatest climbers and has climbed all the world's mountains over 8,000 metres. It's very difficult to climb in cold weather and storms, but Gerlinde loves it. She started climbing as a teenager in the mountains near her home. When she left school she became a nurse but always went climbing in her free time. Now she spends her time climbing and helping a charity for poor children in Nepal.

More than one adventure

Meagan McGrath from Canada has climbed mountains, ridden a bike across Canada and run races in the desert. But her most incredible journey was a skiing trip to the South Pole. As she skied, Meagan pulled a sledge with a tent and all her food. She skied through terrible storms and freezing temperatures for forty days till she arrived at the South Pole.

Erik Weihenmayer from the United States has climbed mountains and ridden a bike through deserts. Amazingly, Erik is blind and he wants other blind people to have active lives too. He has taken groups of young blind people climbing in Nepal.

Where next?

Technology is a big help for adventurers but the world is still a dangerous place and it's very important to prepare well. If you dream of being an adventurer, there will always be continents to walk across and mountains to climb!

Reading Comprehension (7 points)

1. Choose the correct answer (2 points)

a) The text is about

- A. inventors
- B. courageous people
- C. scientists
- D. people with health problems

b) Ed Stafford asked the people of the rainforest for help using

- A. a torch
- B. a tablet
- C. a telephone
- D. a radio

c) Gerlinde Kaltenbrunne

- A. wrote a blog about climate change
- B. helps a charity in Nepal
- C. wrote a book about her experience
- D. helps a charity in Austria

d) Erik Weihenmayer has helped blind people to

- A. climb mountains.
- B. ride a bike.
- C. ski.
- D. run races.

2. Answer the following questions using information from the text and your own words, in full sentences. (2 points)

a) What did Ed Stafford eat in the Amazon?

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b) What does Gerlinde Kaltenbrunne love doing?

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3. - Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)

- a period of a hundred years
- incredible, fascinating
- heavy rain and strong winds
- an arid region with little rain
- someone who cannot see

Read the following text about a round-the-world trip. Decide which of the four words best fits each space. (2 points)



When I was 16, my parents decided to take me and my brother Luke out of school for six months to travel (1) the world. They wanted us to visit lots of different countries and have new experiences. They said we were old enough to (2) that kind of trip and believed it was better for us than (3)six months in the classroom. We both had to continue with our studies during the trip, so nearly every day we had online classes. Our parents also made (4) we studied the history of the places we visited, and when we had time, we went to museum exhibitions or read guidebooks. We did some fantastic things on the (5)..... Luke enjoyed travelling around the Amboseli National Park in Kenya. He’s interested in wildlife and loved seeing the elephants. For me the best part was visiting the Rocky Mountains in Canada.

Underline or circle the correct answer:

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| (1) | along | around | into | out of |
| (2) | realize | make | do | go |
| (3) | spending | earning | winning | passing |
| (4) | sense | sure | a habit | a mistake |
| (5) | ride | cruise | pilgrimage | trip |

4.- Writing: (3 points)

Write an answer to one of the questions below (80-100 words).



1.- In the text you have read Robin Newton states that technology is a big help for adventurers.

Do you agree with this statement or do you think traditional methods are more effective? If you agree with the writer, how do you think technology can help adventurers? Which technologies do you think can help best?

Write your opinion essay.

2. You are interested in taking part in the writing contest your town's library has announced.

Your adventurous experience

Tell us about an exciting trip you've taken.

What was it like?

What objects did you take with you? What for?

Which places did you visit?

What kind of things did you do?

Did you experience risky or dangerous situations?

How has this experience influenced your life?

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Write an essay answering these questions.



Write your essay.

Remember: *the picture and questions above are just to help you generate ideas. Think and put your ideas in order before starting to write.*

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