

**e-future PYP Readers**

**LEVEL 6-5**

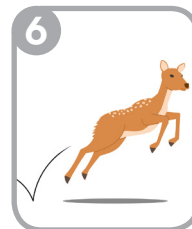
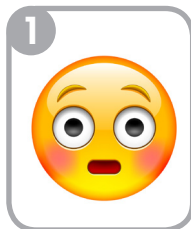
# One Rappel, Two Rappel



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**A Write the correct word for each definition.**

glacier    rappel    stationery    leap    flush    boulder



1. A flush is redness in the face because of embarrassment or anger.
2. A boulder is a very large rock.
3. A glacier is a large mass of ice that moves very slowly.
4. Stationery is supplies for writing, such as pens and paper.
5. To rappel is to go down a steep slope by holding onto a rope.
6. A leap is a large jump from one place to another.

**B Write the words next to their meanings.**

gargantuan    accent    noble    demonstrate    device    descend

1. accent : the way that people in a particular place or social group pronounce words.
2. demonstrate : to show something and explain how it works
3. descend : to go or come down
4. gargantuan : very large
5. device : an object or machine used for a particular purpose
6. noble : belonging to a high social rank, especially by birth

## C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

as if      if      while      because      that      when

1. Alex asked Katie to wait a moment while the others descended.
2. If you had a noble name like mine, you wouldn't want a common one.
3. We'll see even bigger boulders when we climb Table Mountain.
4. The Himalayas are growing because one tectonic plate is pushing into another.
5. His body tensed. It was as if there was a struggle inside him the others couldn't see.
6. The surprise was that Marsden already knew how to use the descender device.

## D Complete the indirect questions.

### Indirect Questions

An **indirect question** is a question inside a statement. Indirect questions begin with a wh-word (or *if*). They have statement word order, NOT question word order.

- "Why do languages have so many words for the same thing?" I ask.  
→ I ask why languages have so many words for the same thing.
- "What does she want?" he asked.  
→ He asked what she wanted.

**Other verbs that come before indirect Qs:** *ask, decide, find out, forget, remember, say, tell*

1. "Why is he so angry?"  
→ I wonder why he is/he's so angry.
2. "When does the post office close?"  
→ I need to find out when the post office closes.
3. "What was our assignment for biology?"  
→ I can't remember what our assignment for biology was.

**A Circle T for true or F for false.** (pp. 2-7)

1. The students' first task today is to climb a huge boulder. T / ☒ F
2. The boulder was formed by a glacier. T / ☒ F
3. The group is in the Appalachian Mountains. ☒ T / F
4. Mrinal explains to the others how plate tectonics works. ☒ T / F
5. "Abseiling" and "rappelling" have opposite meanings. T / ☒ F
6. Rob arrives with a new student and introduces him. ☒ T / F

**B Choose the best answers.** (pp. 6-10)

1. What does Katie say she learned in New Zealand?  
a. To climb                      b. To rappel                      ☒ c. Both a. and b.
2. Marsden insults David's  
a. looks                      ☒ b. accent                      c. Both a. and b.
3. Why does Carl enter the argument?  
☒ a. He wants to defend his friend David.  
b. Marsden insults him too.  
c. He doesn't like Marsden's name.
4. What can we guess about Marsden?  
☒ a. He has a very good opinion of himself.  
b. His family is from England.  
c. He is embarrassed that his parents are poor
5. What ends the argument between Marsden and the others?  
a. Marsden decides to apologize first.  
☒ b. Carl says he's sorry first.  
c. The instructors tell both boys to apologize.

**C Match and complete the sentences.** (pp. 11-14)

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| 1. Katie and Marsden         | • | • | a. go first and easily reach the ground.         |
| 2. Alex                      | • | • | b. tells Katie she did a nice job.               |
| 3. Marsden and Carl          | • | • | c. already know how to use rappelling equipment. |
| 4. Wen and Mrinal            | • | • | d. have some trouble on their way down.          |
| 5. Katie is the only one who | • | • | e. demonstrates to the students how to rappel.   |
| 6. After a pause, Marsden    | • | • | f. reaches the ground in one jump.               |
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**D Complete the summary with the correct words.**

leap   climbing   tectonics   meters   fake   mountains   embarrasses

The seven students find themselves on a gargantuan boulder in the 1. mountains. They are fifteen 2. meters from the ground. They briefly talk about 3. tectonics and how mountains are formed. Alex explains that their challenge is to rappel down. Katie wonders why they're learning rappelling before 4. climbing. Then Rob arrives with a new member of the group, Marsden. He doesn't seem very friendly, and he calls David's English accent 5. fake. That angers Carl and the others, who tell Marsden to apologize. Marsden refuses. Finally, Carl apologizes and offers to shake hands. This 6. embarrasses Marsden, who also says he's sorry. The rappelling begins. Two of the boys do it easily, and two of them have trouble. David and the girls all do a good job. Katie even gets to the ground in a single 7. leap, which impresses the others—even Marsden. At the end, the students learn that their next task will be to climb the same boulder.