

e-future PYP Readers

LEVEL 6-7

Mountain Top



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A Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. miniature | • | • a. a large hunting bird |
| 2. spring | • | • b. extremely small |
| 3. hawk | • | • c. believing that you are better or more important than others |
| 4. cabin | • | • d. the results of an action or situation, especially bad ones |
| 5. fatigue | • | • e. the feeling of being tired |
| 6. arrogant | • | • f. a place where water comes out of the ground |
| 7. consequences | • | • g. a small, simple house made of wood |

B Write the synonym for the given word.

ideal

effort

dawn

dispute

unpopular

- Alex had become the _____ outdoors person.
perfect
- They had left at _____ and it was now three.
sunrise
- Even though he was _____ with the others, they agreed with him.
disliked
- Although the challenges began with a physical _____ they all ended up as challenges to the students' attitudes.
work
- Suddenly engrossed in the _____ the other students forgot the weight of their backpacks.
argument

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

to between with in through on top of

1. How can you tell the difference _____ eagles and vultures?
2. He gestured to the open area _____ the mountain they had hiked up.
3. Birds that soar hold their wings _____ different ways.
4. Welcome _____ your mountain top experience!
5. His sullen look vanished, replaced _____ a sudden animation at the thought of seeing raptors.
6. They had two instructors to guide them _____ a series of challenges.

D Match the phrases to their meanings. Then fill in the blanks. Change the form if needed.

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| 1. I think we can manage that . | • | • a. despite earlier problems or doubts |
| 2. Alex had become the ideal outdoor person in the girls' eyes . | • | • b. in (someone's) opinion |
| 3. This isn't a terrible place after all . | • | • c. to move your head sharply upwards to show you're angry or don't care about something |
| 4. "Where are we going to sleep?" she asked with a toss of her head . | • | • d. to succeed in doing something |
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5. We were worried the traffic would make us late, but we arrived on time _____.
 6. **A:** Would it be possible for you to fix my computer by tomorrow afternoon?
B: Sure, I _____.
 7. The little boy loves his older brother, who is a hero _____.
 8. She saw the mess in the kitchen, looked disgusted, and walked out _____.

A Circle T for true or F for false. (pp. 2-8)

1. The students are tired at the beginning of the story. T / F
2. The kids want a shower and a comfortable place to sleep. T / F
3. The instructors are annoyed by how the students drop their backpacks. T / F
4. Marsden refuses to take his backpack off. T / F
5. The other students obey the instructors and put their packs down properly. T / F
6. As they look at their surroundings, the kids dislike the place even more. T / F

B Circle the right answer and write it in the blank. (pp. 4-11)

1. The students are pleased when Maria says they can have a hot _____ .
meal / shower
2. During the dispute between Marsden and the instructors, the others _____ .
have a snack / go on a hike
3. Carl finds a _____ place to sleep.
grassy / shady
4. Alex has shower bags, which _____ .
are filled with water / must be filled from a spring
5. They place their shower bags _____ to heat up.
in the sun / by a fire

C Match and complete the sentences.

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| 1. The setting of the story | • | • a. is at the end of a path. |
| 2. Rob | • | • b. tells the students to pick their packs back up. |
| 3. The spring | • | • c. knows a lot about raptors because he saw them in India. |
| 4. The girls | • | • d. finally follows orders because he wants to explore with the others. |
| 5. Mrinal | • | • e. is on top of a mountain. |
| 6. Marsden | • | • f. think their surroundings are beautiful. |

D Complete the summary with the correct words.

fatigue lean after all dispute heavy hawks spring

The group has hiked up a mountain and is looking around. They are feeling 1. _____ and hoping for a nice place to sleep, but there are no cabins. When Alex tells them to take their 2. _____ backpacks off, they drop them roughly on the ground. The instructors order them to 3. _____ the bags against each other in the correct way. Everyone does so except for Marsden. The rest of the group sits down and waits while the 4. _____ continues. As they eat granola bars and drink water, they begin to think the mountain top doesn't look so bad 5. _____. The students are happy to learn that they can use shower bags to have warm showers. They fill the bags from a 6. _____ and put them on rocks to warm up. Then they discuss the different types of hunting birds they might see, including eagles, vultures, and 7. _____. The group decides to go exploring. This interests Marsden, who finally does as the instructors asked.