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ESL Kids World: Mount Everest

Read the text. Answer the questions.

Mount Everest is the largest and highest mountain on Earth. Mount Everest is in the Himalayas. It is about 8,848 metres (29,029 ft) high.

Its peak is on the border of Nepal and China. It is above the Death Zone where the air is too thin for a human being to live, so usually extra oxygen is used when climbing. The Death Zone refers to the parts of Mount Everest that are above 7,600 metres (24,900 ft) above sea level.

Sir Edmund Hillary and Nepali Sherpa Tenzing Norgay were the first to successfully get to the summit of Mount Everest in 1953. There has been some debate about who really put foot on the summit first, although this didn't bother Sir Edmund Hillary.

There are two main climbing routes that people use. Thousands of people have climbed to the summit, but hundreds have also died unfortunately. There can be high winds, bad weather and altitude sickness that await you on your journey up, making it very dangerous.

The temperature at the summit never goes above freezing, and it's normally -36°C in winter and -19°C in summer. That's seriously cold!

This is quite something! Every year the mountain grows taller by 4mm because of the upward push that comes from two tectonic plates.

The rock at the summit of Everest is marine limestone and was left on the seafloor around 450 million years ago!

1. What is Mount Everest? _____

2. Where is Mount Everest? _____

3. How high is Mount Everest? _____

4. Who were the first people to reach the summit? _____

5. When did they reach the summit? _____

6. What is the temperature in winter? _____

7. How much does Mount Everest grow every year? _____