

## Mountains

Match each of these words with the correct meaning. (AF2)

precious	weather
climate	river of ice
hibernate	sleep, hide away
equipment	built
glacier	kit, tools
constructed	very, very special/important

What is special about the weather in the mountains? (AF2) **The air is colder at the top than at the bottom. It's often windy. Risk of blizzards. The air is thinner high up, so sun gets through easily.**

Why do you think Mount Everest is also called Holy Mother? (AF3) **It is so big, like a huge mother protecting the people who live close to it. Idea of sacred places might start to come in here.**

Find the correct number to complete these sentences: (AF2)

Mount Everest is **8848** metres high.

Mount Everest is more than **60 million** years old.

**210** people have died on Mount Everest.

What is a glacier? (AF2) **A huge area of ice – reward answers which try to explain that it moves downhill like a river.**

Give TWO ways that animals have adapted to living in the mountains. (AF2) **Goats have hollow hooves; marmots hibernate.**

What are yaks, and what are they used for? (AF2) **Strong animals – used for transport.**

Find and copy one phrase which shows that mountains can be dangerous places. (AF2)

**"Even on sunny days there can be dangers." "You need to make sure you're prepared." Also any sentence about mountain rescue infers that there are dangers.**

What is unusual about the capital city of Ecuador? (AF3) **It's the highest capital city in the world; it's built on the slopes of a volcano.**

What must you remember if you're going to do any activities in the mountains? (AF2) **Be prepared; tell someone what your plans are; take the right clothing and equipment; don't drop litter.**

Why do you think some of the words in this text are in grey? (AF4) **They are the key words from each paragraph – they tell us what that paragraph is about.**

Why is it important not to drop litter in the mountains? (AF3) **It's unsightly and dangerous for wildlife.**

Find and copy one sentence which contains a LIST. (AF5) **"Some famous mountain ranges are: The Alps, The Rockies and the Himalayas."**

Choose the sentence below which fits you best. Underline it! Then write a short sentence explaining your choice. (AF6) **Personal response.**

I would like to go to the mountains to try a new sport.

I would like to go to the mountains to see the animals who live there.

I would like to go to the mountains to see how people live high up.

I would like to work in a mountain rescue team one day.

I wouldn't like to go to the mountains because it sounds dangerous.