

**ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOG  
JEZIKA  
za 2. razrede srednjih škola**

<b>SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM</b>
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Good morning. May I have your attention, please? The listening part of the test will start now. Open your tests to page 2. As you can see, the listening task and questions are on this page.

You will hear a recording about Mountaineering.

You will hear the recording twice. There will be a short pause between the two listenings.

You can write your answers during both the first and second listening.

For questions 1- 10, complete the sentences using no more than one word or a number for each gap. You will hear the exact words or numbers that you need to use. You do not need to change them. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions.

While you are listening, write your answers on the task itself. You may cross out your answers, change them, make notes or underline words if you wish.

After the second listening, you will have 1 minute to check your answers and transfer your final answers to the separate Answer Sheet. You must do this carefully and clearly, and you must not change what you write on your final Answer Sheet in any way.

Now, let's begin. You have 30 seconds to read through the questions.

(30 seconds)

Now you will hear the recording.

## Mountaineering

I'm a member of the Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mountain Climbing Club. I do a lot of sports—running and that sort of thing. I suppose it's because I just like to be physically fit, and I find that mountaineering is also a nice way of doing that. It's probably one of the best ways, because you're not actually running and pounding your knees and Achilles tendons and things. So, I enjoy the sheer physical exertion it allows, and if you're walking hard uphill, then that's probably as good a cardio-vascular exercise as anything. So I really enjoy that aspect of it.

Of course, sharing a common passion with a group of people is always wonderful, and you subsequently make strong relationships with members during expeditions. I've got friends that I've climbed with who are amongst my best friends, and I've climbed together with them on numerous occasions since joining the Santa Fe club. Besides forming friendships, the view that you have from high altitudes is spectacular, truly one of a kind. Regarding the danger, to a certain extent, it is also an attractive element. I mean, I wouldn't go somewhere if I thought that I was going to kill myself, although I recognise that there are inherent risks in it all, anywhere and at any time. But I enjoy the thrill of being out on the end of a rope, knowing that if I don't get it right, then I'm going to fall. Hopefully, I'm going to get held, and I'm not going to do a lot of damage to myself or anyone else around.

Many people ask me to define specific instances of when I've been frightened. First, I'd make a distinction between rock-climbing and mountaineering, where the mode of being frightened, let's say, is slightly different. In rock-climbing, it's much more acute; if something goes wrong, you know you're going to fall off. In fact, my worst accident was in Yosemite Valley in California, and the thing I was tied on to on the cliff just pulled out, and I fell a whole rope-length between myself and my partner. As I fell past him, I vaguely recollect shouting something, but I obviously hit something on the way down and blacked out. It was probably more frightening for my partner than for me, so that's the sort of acute terror that you can get from rock-climbing. I suppose with mountaineering, if you're always thinking you're going to get lost, or detrimental weather is going to come, or you're going to get hit by an avalanche, then there's more of a chronic anxiety that you're aware of all the time.

On the other hand, being part of some major expedition, even though it may be somewhat frightening, is mostly fantastically exhilarating, and that's the part you deeply recall, and it makes up for everything else. I suppose a major fear, or rather, a major problem on any expedition, certainly a large one, is the logistics of it. Let's say you've got 36 people at the bottom of a gigantic mountain, and the goal is to get at least two or four to the top, well, your group would slowly have to build up stores full of survival supplies, higher and higher up on the summit. We call this the pyramid effect, and it's essential in order to survive. If it's being used on a large scale for attempting to climb Mount Everest or such, a group would need, firstly, hundreds of porters who will carry the equipment up to a certain level. Then, if it's anywhere in the Himalayas, you'd have to engage yaks to carry your supplies higher from one camp to another higher-elevated camp. Eighty yaks were used in one Everest expedition a friend of mine went on; of course, at a certain elevation, even these Tibetan oxen couldn't go any further, and the expedition members had to slowly do all the carrying bit by bit.

Overall, I love going with a small group of friends to climb lower mountains—ones where you don't have to dwell on oxygen and passing out from the lack of it. Many dream of climbing the Matterhorn in Switzerland, but there are other mountains of

lower height, such as Mount Elbert in Colorado, that I would love to go to. I've never been to South America, but climbing around in the Andes is also something I dream of doing. So, yes, there are a lot of other mountains around the world still to explore.

(Count silently to 5 and then say the following :)

**You will now hear the recording again.**

(After the second reading, say the following:)

**You now have 1 minute to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

(After 1 minute—then say the following:)

**This is the end of the listening task. You may now go on to do the other parts of the test.**