

Warm-up Session

We should never be discouraged by failures; rather we should try again and again. If we keep it in mind, the success should be ours.

There was a young man
Who lived below
A mountain crowned
With glaciers and snow.
“Beautiful Mountain!”
He used to say,
“Only the clouds
And the eagles know
Their way to the place
I intend to go.

The lofty peak
You lift so high
I’ve raved to climb
Before I die.”

When he was a man
He attempted it twice—
Bravely he scaled
Those shoulders of snow,
And the arms of ice,
But for all his courage
The young man failed
In his enterprise.



The mountain said
In his awful voice
Of glacier and ice,
“I am here alone
With the eagles and clouds,

And for ever alone
I intend to remain.”
The young man replied,
“I shall try it again.”
So he started out
With all the gear
That the people wear
When they try to scale
A mountain’s crest,
And believe it or not,
He got to the top
of Mount Everest.



—Mary Britton Miller

Words to know

crowned = covered; **glaciers** = slow moving mass of ice; **intend** = wish; **lofty haughty** = arrogant; **raved** = talked wildly; **scaled** = reached; **enterprise** = mission, venture; **awful** = terrible; **crest** = summit, peak.

EXERCISE ZONE

Lesson Insight

Test Your Comprehension Skill

A. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ'S)

Tick (✓) the correct options:

1. A mountain _____ with glaciers and snow.
(a) covered (b) crowned (c) topped
2. But for all his _____ the young man failed in his enterprise.
(a) courage (b) desires (c) attempts
3. And for ever alone I _____ to remain.
(a) hope (b) try (c) intend

B. Answer the following questions:

1. Where did the young man live? What was his only ambition?
2. What did the mountain say to the young man?
3. Could the young man ever succeed in his mission? If yes, when.

C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements:

1. The top of the mountain was always covered with glaciers and snow.
2. Only the eagles and the clouds could reach the top of the mountain.
3. The young man never succeeded in his mission.

D. Explain the following stanzas:

(i) "The lofty peak

You lift so high

I've raved to climb

Before I die."

(ii) "I am here alone

With the eagles and clouds,

And for ever alone

I intend to remain."

Sharpen Your Vocabulary

A. Give antonyms for each of the following words:

Column 'A'

Column 'B'

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| 1. peak | _____ |
| 2. climb | _____ |
| 3. courage | _____ |
| 4. crest | _____ |
| 5. believe | _____ |

B. Give two synonyms for each of the following words:

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| 1. believe | _____ | _____ |
| 2. lofty | _____ | _____ |
| 3. bravely | _____ | _____ |
| 4. awful | _____ | _____ |
| 5. top | _____ | _____ |

C. Use the following words and make meaningful sentences of your own:

1. crowned : _____
2. intend : _____

- 3. scale : _____
- 4. glacier : _____
- 5. alone : _____

Time for Activities

A. Give a brief summary of the poem.

B. One should never give up or lose hope if one wants to be an achiever. Arrange a discussion in the class.

C. What is a glacier? Gather information about one of the most famous glaciers of our country and describe it briefly. Include the following points like:

- Its name
- size
- any other thing worth mentioning
- location
- climatic condition
