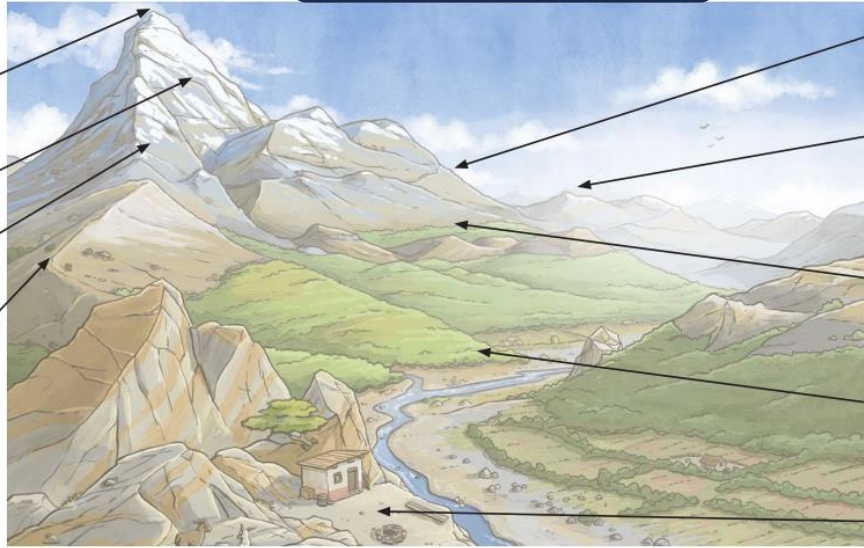


What are mountains and how do humans interact with them?

Physical features



summit

face

snow line

ridge

slope

mountain range

tree line

base

plateau

Mallory and Irvine

George Mallory and Andrew Irvine were British **mountaineers** who took part in three expeditions to Mount Everest in the early 1920's. Both mountaineers disappeared somewhere high on the North - East Ridge in an attempt to get to the **summit**. His body was not discovered for 75 years. Whether they made it to the **summit** or not remains a mystery.



What are **mountains**?

Mountains are areas of land that are much higher than the land surrounding them. They are higher and usually steeper than a hill and are generally over 600 metres high. They are often found together in a group called a **mountain range**.

Why do people climb **mountains**?

There are lots of reasons why people choose to climb mountains, here are a few:

- The view
- Keeping fit
- The challenge
- To raise money for charity
- Skiing
- Wildlife spotting
- Taking photographs
- Climbing skills

Mountain ranges across the world

- Alps:** Europe
- Andes:** South America
- Himalayas:** Asia
- Rocky Mountains:** North America
- Great Dividing Range:** Australia
- Atlas:** Africa

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Mountain	Mountains are high areas of land, rising more than 600 metres from the surrounding land,
Mountain Range	A group of mountains formed close together.
Mountaineer	A person who likes to climb mountains.
Tectonic Plate	A large piece of rock that makes up the crust and upper mantle of the Earth's surface.
Summit	The highest point of a mountain.