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READING: Students Climb Mountain

Vocabulary Practice

● **Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.**

1. dozen  **E**  A. a person who takes pictures with a camera
2. village  ____  B. a long trip to travel to someplace
3. journey  ____  C. pictures taken with a camera
4. ladder  ____  D. someone who decides important things for others
5. crawl  ____  E. twelve
6. leader  ____  F. a very small town where only a few people live
7. photos  ____  G. a wood or metal tool used for going up or down
8. photographer  ____  H. to travel on your hands and feet

● **Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use Past Tense when necessary.**

1. Who is the ___ leader ___ of your country? Who is the president?
2. The trip from the earth to the moon is a long ________
3. My friend is a _____________. She takes pictures with her camera.
4. Babies ________ before they learn how to walk.
5. I want to buy a loaf of bread and one ____________ eggs.
6. Would you like to see some _________________ that I took on my holiday?
7. I need a _____________ to get an apple off the tree.
8. Many people live in a city, but only a few people live in a ________________.

● **Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.**

1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
A local newspaper in China called the *Beijing News* reports that about a
dozen school children between the ages of 6 and 15 must climb about 2,600
feet (792 meters) up a mountain to get to school. How high is 2,600 feet?
Well, the tallest building in the world (the Burj Khalifa in Dubai) is 2,720 feet
(829 meters). The students live in a small, poor village in Sichuan province.
How long does it take to go up and down this mountain? The trip up the
mountain takes 90 minutes – the journey down takes 60 minutes. In some
places, the children use a small, old ladder to help them. In other places,
they use their hands to crawl along the rocks. The village leader says that
about 7 or 8 people have already died climbing up the mountain. Why do
the children have to put their lives in danger? The answer is that there aren’t
any roads in the area because the village doesn’t have enough money to
build them. Because the journey is so dangerous, the kids only come home
on weekends. “I hope the story my photos tell will bring some change,” says
Chen Jie, a photographer who works for the *Beijing News* newspaper.
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1. (A) reports  
   (B) report  
   (C) reporting

2. (A) climbs  
   (B) climbing  
   (C) climb

3. (A) taller  
   (B) tall  
   (C) tallest

4. (A) are live  
   (B) lives  
   (C) live

5. (A) goes  
   (B) go  
   (C) went

6. (A) using  
   (B) use  
   (C) uses

7. (A) do  
   (B) are  
   (C) does

8. (A) have to  
   (B) have  
   (C) has to

9. (A) they’re  
   (B) their  
   (C) there

10. (A) aren’t have  
    (B) not have  
    (C) there aren’t

11. (A) don’t  
    (B) doesn’t  
    (C) isn’t

12. (A) works  
    (B) work  
    (C) is work
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How Much Do You Understand?

- Write ‘T’ (True) or ‘F’ (False) next to each statement.

1. _____ Some of the school children live in Dubai.
2. _____ The journey up the mountain takes an hour and a half.
3. _____ The old village leader helps them to go up the mountain.
4. _____ There is no safe way to get to the school.
5. _____ The children pay lots of money when they use village roads.
6. _____ Chen Jie takes pictures for the Beijing News newspaper.

Discuss

- Discuss the following questions with your classmates.

1. How do you get to school every day? How long does it take?
2. Why do you think the Chinese government hasn’t already helped the village?
3. Why is it so important for children to go to school?

Write

- Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.

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# Reading Lesson

## Lesson “Students Climb Mountain”

**Topic:** School

### Grammar Focus
Mixed (includes present simple)

### Vocabulary
207 words

- **A1** words-72%
- **A2** words-14%
- **B1** words-3%

**AWL** Words in this text: area

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**Level** Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

## ANSWER KEY Page 1

### Vocabulary

1. E  1. leader
2. F  2. journey
3. B  3. photographer
4. G  4. crawl
5. H  5. dozen
6. D  6. photos
7. C  7. ladder
8. A  8. village

## ANSWER KEY Page 3

### Article

1. A  7. A
2. C  8. A
6. B  12. A

## ANSWER KEY Page 4

### How Much Do You Understand?

1. F (They all live in China.)
2. T
3. F (The use an old ladder, not an old leader.)
4. T
5. F (There aren’t any roads in the area.)
6. T

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