

TENDER HEART HIGH SCHOOL, SEC 33B, CHD

SUBJECT: English Literature

CLASS: IV

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CHAPTER: 14, On the Top of the World

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Good morning students

Students this lesson is for Class IV for the subject of English Literature in which Ch-14, On the top of the World is covered on pg no. 79 and is being submitted to you on 14.10.24

Hillary and Tenzing, the two climbers, had climbed up to the height of 27,900 ft on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1953 and camped there for the night. It was 6:30 in the morning on 29<sup>th</sup> May and the day was clear and windless. They got ready for the final climb to the peak. It was extremely cold, so they packed themselves and were ready to go. They came out of their little tents and started moving in the snow. They were just below the south top of Mount Everest and had to climb almost a vertical snow wall. The worst part was that the snow was not firm, and they kept sliding down. At last at 9 am, they reached the south summit. They had to go only 300 feet more. A ridge led to the peak but the ridge looked dangerous. If they had to get on



the top, they would have to climb the narrow ridge between the drop and the overhanging masses of snow. They filled up their oxygen bottles. They used their axes as anchors in the ice. About a hundred feet below the top they came to the highest bare rocks. Tenzing picked up small stones and put them in his pocket. The ridge continued and they went on cutting steps on the narrow strip of snow for two hours continuously. Then, suddenly, Hillary realised that there was no more ridge ahead. Finally, they stood on the top, looked at each other and shook hands. It was 11:30 in the morning. Other peaks were looking like chicks in front of Mt. Everest. Hillary took some photographs. Tenzing made a little hole in the snow and placed some ~~etables~~ offerings also. It was his small offerings to the gods. Hillary also made a hole in the snow and placed a small crucifix that Col. Hunt, the leader of the team, had given him.

## HOMEWORK

Read the Chapter 14 On the Top of the World twice.