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THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN

Directions: On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the top of Mt. Everest, the world's tallest mountain. May 29, 2003, is the 50th anniversary of that climb. Learn the facts about Mt. Everest at the Web site provided. Then read each sentence below and fill in the missing word or words.

Web Resources:

Facts About Mt. Everest
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hillary/archive/evefacts.htm>



1. Chomolungma means _____.
2. Mt. Everest is part of the _____ mountain range.
3. Mt. Everest is _____ high.
4. Mt. Everest straddles the border of two countries: _____ and _____.
5. Mt. Everest is about _____ years old.

Something to Think About: Throughout history, about 4000 people have tried to climb Mount Everest. Only 660 people have reached the top of the mountain and 142 have died trying. Why do you think so many people want to climb such a difficult and dangerous mountain?

Learn More: Go to Climbing Mount Everest at <http://www.alanarnette.com/kids/everest10.htm> and read about one man's 2002 attempt to climb to the top of Mount Everest, or go to <http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer/0303/games/game.cgi> and play the Mount Everest Game.