

Will Jordan Romero Make It to the 'Top of the World'?



Reading Comprehension

Read each number in the left column. How does each number relate to the story of Jordan Romero? Draw a line from each number to the words in the right column that relate to it.

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| 1. 29,000 | a. height of Mount Denali, in feet |
| 2. 2008 | b. year in which Jordan climbed Alaska's Mount Denali |
| 3. 10 | c. Jordan's age as he begins the climb up Everest |
| 4. 20,000 | d. number of degrees below zero that the temperature might reach on Everest |
| 5. 18,000 | e. age of the youngest person to climb Everest (so far) |
| 6. 100 | f. number of sherpas accompanying Jordan on his climb |
| 7. 16 | g. Mount Everest is about this high, in feet |
| 8. 3 | h. height, above sea level, of Jordan's Everest base camp |
| 9. 5 | i. number of continents (so far) on which Jordan has climbed the highest mountain |
| 10. 13 | j. Jordan's age when he climbed Africa's highest peak |

Language Practice: Word Use

In each sentence, color the circle before the word that means nearly the same as the underlined word.

- If Jordan accomplishes his goal, he will be the youngest person to climb Mount Everest.
 a. sets b. rewards c. achieves d. accompanies
- Jordan is an experienced climber who has proven he is ready to make the climb.
 a. explained b. shown c. praised d. experienced
- Atop Mount Everest, temperatures can sink to 100 degrees below zero.
 a. rise b. blow c. drown d. drop
- Jordan knows all about the difficulties he might face on his adventure.
 a. troubles b. animals c. sherpas d. climbers
- Thousands of people have attempted to reach the peak of Everest.
 a. failed b. strived c. rushed d. discovered
- "If we encounter danger on the climb, we will not be afraid to turn back," says Jordan's father.
 a. face b. count c. enable d. complete