ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
praise
✓ **C) to show you like something**
To **praise** means to say good things about someone or something, to show you like it. Example: **The teacher praised my work.**

2. thick
✓ **A) wide and solid**
Thick means wide and solid, not thin. Example: **The snow was very thick.**

3. incredible
✓ **B) hard to believe**
Incredible means so amazing that it is hard to believe. Example: **The view from the top was incredible.**

4. border
✓ **C) an edge**
A **border** is an edge, the line where something ends. Example: **the border of a picture**.

5. heaven
✓ **B) a place people go when they die**
Heaven is the place where some people believe you go when you die. It is often said to be in the sky.

6. surround
✓ **B) to close in from all sides**
To **surround** something means to be all around it, closing it in from all sides. Example: **Mountains surrounded the village.** Not **to cover**, which is the meaning of **wrap**.

7. ancestor
✓ **A) a family member from the past**
An **ancestor** is a family member who lived a long time ago, like your great-great-grandparents.

8. boot
✓ **D) a heavy shoe**
A **boot** is a heavy shoe that often covers the ankle. People wear boots in snow or rain.

9. proceed
✓ **B) to go in a direction**
To **proceed** means to go or move in a direction, or to continue. Example: **Please proceed to the exit.**

10. silent
✓ **C) having no sound**
Silent means with no sound at all. Example: **The room was silent.**

11. **What is this story about?**
✓ **A) Edmund Hillary's incredible experience**
The whole story is the writer's (Edmund Hillary's) diary about the amazing day he reached the top of Mt. Everest. The first line says: **Today is the most important day of my life. I finally climbed Mt. Everest.**

12. **What did Hillary see from the angle over the side of the mountaintop?**
✓ **D) The border of the clouds touching the rocks**
Paragraph 4 says: **From that angle, I saw the border of the clouds touch the rocks below.**

13. **Hillary was happy to do all of the following EXCEPT _____.**
✓ **A) proceed down the mountain**
The last paragraph says **it was hard to leave the mountain so quickly**, so he was not happy to **proceed down the mountain**. The praise, the team's congratulations and the messages to his relatives were all good moments.

14. **According to the passage, the air at the top of the mountain was _____.**
✓ **A) silent**
Paragraph 2 says: **The air was silent.** Not **pure**: the passage says the snow **looked pure**, not the air. **Thick** also describes the snow.

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