ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Mountains Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

MOUNTAINS

The Himalayas are the best-known mountain _____ in the world and Mt Everest, with a _____ of 8,849 meters, is the highest mountain.
✔ **D) range**
A **mountain range** is a line or group of mountains, like **the Himalayas** or **the Alps**. Not **rage**, which looks similar but means strong anger.

2. The Himalayas are the best-known mountain _____ in the world and Mt Everest, with a _____ of 8,849 meters, is the highest mountain.
✔ **B) height**
We measure how tall a mountain is by its **height**, for example **a height of 8,849 meters**. **Weight** is how heavy something is, and **length** is how long it is.

3. Since Edmund Hillary made the first _____ in 1953, _____ from many countries have managed to _____ to the _____.
✔ **C) ascent**
An **ascent** is a climb up a mountain, so **make the first ascent** means to be the first to reach the top. Not **descent**, which is the way down.

4. Since Edmund Hillary made the first _____ in 1953, _____ from many countries have managed to _____ to the _____.
✔ **A) mountaineers**
Mountaineers are people who climb mountains as a sport or hobby. **Cliffers** is not an English word.

5. Since Edmund Hillary made the first _____ in 1953, _____ from many countries have managed to _____ to the _____.
✔ **B) climb**
After **managed to** we need a verb in its base form. **Climb to the peak** means to go up to the top of the mountain. **Peak** and **descent** are nouns, and people don't **jump** to the top of Everest.

6. Since Edmund Hillary made the first _____ in 1953, _____ from many countries have managed to _____ to the _____.
✔ **A) peak**
The **peak** is the pointed top of a mountain, so **climb to the peak** means to reach the top. Not **bottom**, because climbers go up, not down.

7. Normally they need to take _____ cylinders to help them breathe and other special _____, including _____ to connect themselves to each other.
✔ **A) oxygen**
High on Everest there is very little oxygen, so climbers carry **oxygen cylinders** to help them breathe. **Hydrogen** and **nitrogen** cannot help people breathe.

8. Normally they need to take _____ cylinders to help them breathe and other special _____, including _____ to connect themselves to each other.
✔ **B) equipment**
Equipment means the things you need for an activity, such as ropes, boots and tents. It is uncountable, so **equipments** is wrong. Ropes are not **clothing**, and they are not really **devices** either.

9. Normally they need to take _____ cylinders to help them breathe and other special _____, including _____ to connect themselves to each other.
✔ **C) ropes**
Climbers tie themselves together with **ropes** so that nobody falls far alone. **Chains** and **iron bars** are too heavy, and **strings** are too thin.

10. It's a dangerous sport and many people have lost their lives, not just on the way up but during the _____ as well.
✔ **D) descent**
Descent means the way down a mountain. It is the opposite of the way up (**ascent**). The clue is **not just on the way up**. Not **landing**, which is used for planes coming down.