

The 10 th of September

Theme: Legend or truth (analysing and telling urban legends) (optional focus on Kazakhstan)

2 Complete the sentences. Use:
solved, returned, fought,
discovered, set, failed, spotted,
conquer.

- 1 George Mallory and Andrew Irvine out from their camp on 4th June 1924 to climb to the summit of Mount Everest.
- 2 A third climber them just 240 metres from the summit of Everest.
- 3 Both Mallory and Irvine had in World War I.
- 4 Mallory and Irvine were the first people to Everest.
- 5 Conrad Anker Mallory's frozen body in 2007.
- 6 Anker to Everest as part of a documentary film.
- 7 Anker to reach the summit of Everest using modern equipment.
- 8 Nobody has the mystery of Mallory and Irvine yet.

The Wildest DREAM



4 **10.4.1** **10.4.3** Read the text again. For each question, choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

- 1 What is the purpose of the text?



On 4th June, 1924, two English mountaineers set out from their camp in the Himalayan mountain range. Their goal was to be the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest – the **tallest** mountain on Earth! A wild wind was blowing all
5 around them and their feet and hands were numb from the freezing cold, but they bravely moved upwards. Behind, a third climber spotted them just 240 metres from the summit. Then, a thick cloud surrounded the climbers, and nobody saw them alive again.

10 The names of these **brave** men were George Mallory and Andrew Irvine. Mallory, who had fought in World War I, was a 37-year-old mountaineer who had climbed close to the summit of Everest twice before. Irvine, on the other hand, had never climbed Everest and was just 22 – but he was still
15 a **vital** and popular member of the expedition. But were Mallory and Irvine the first people to conquer Everest – 29 years before Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay achieved the feat in 1953? Perhaps we'll never know – but we do have some clues.

Check these words

- *mountaineer* • *set out* • *camp*
- *mountain range* • *goal* • *summit* • *wild*
- *numb* • *spot* • *thick* • *surround* • *vital*
- *conquer* • *feat* • *clue* • *expedition* • *frozen*
- *equipment* • *fail* • *log book* • *make it*

On 1st May, 1999, the American mountaineer Conrad Anker 20 set out on an **expedition** in the hope of **locating** Mallory and Irvine's bodies. Amazingly, in just a few hours, he discovered Mallory's frozen body around 500 metres from the summit. It seemed that Mallory probably died from a fall, but Anker
25 couldn't say whether he had reached the summit first. Interestingly, though, Mallory had planned to leave a photo of his wife on the summit – and Anker didn't find it on his body. In 2007, Anker returned to Everest as part of Anthony Geffen's documentary *The Wildest Dream*. This amazing film shows
30 Anker climbing up Everest using equipment that mountaineers used at the time of Mallory's expedition. Anker failed to reach the summit using this **outdated** equipment, and suspects that Mallory and Irvine probably didn't either. But we still don't know for **certain**. Some people say that
35 finding Irvine's body could solve the mystery since he had a camera and log book on the day of the climb. But even if they didn't make it, coming so close was a huge **accomplishment**. Today, Mallory and Irvine are mountaineering heroes – ordinary men who tried to achieve the wildest dream.


7 Match the words in bold to their synonyms. What part of speech are they?

a important • a achievement • a courageous

modern equipment.

- 8 Nobody has
the mystery of Mallory and
Irvine yet.

- 3** The sentences in Ex. 2 are
about some people who tried
to reach the summit of Mount
Everest. Which of these
sentences are false?

10.2.2  Listen to and read the
text to find out.

STUDY SKILLS

Identifying key information

Read the text quickly to get the general idea and the writer's purpose. Read the questions and underline the key words. Read the text carefully and answer the questions. Note that the first question focuses on the writer's purpose and the last on overall meaning. The other questions follow the order of information in the text and one of them focuses on attitude or opinion.

- 4** **10.4.1** **10.4.3** Read the text again. For each question,
choose the best answer (A, B, C or D).

- 1 What is the purpose of the text?
A to review a documentary film
B to describe the mystery surrounding an event
C to encourage people to climb Mount Everest
D to prove that Mallory didn't reach the summit of Everest
- 2 What does the writer say about Mallory and Irvine?
A They did not work well as a team.
B Irvine did not get on with members of the expedition.
C Mallory could have done the climb alone.
D They had different levels of experience.
- 3 What is Anker's attitude towards Mallory and Irvine's climb?
A He doubts that they reached the summit.
B He believes that Mallory wasn't a skilful climber.
C He is certain that Mallory left a photo on the summit.
D He thinks that Mallory died after reaching the summit.
- 4 Which could be another suitable title for the text?
A How to Climb a Mountain
B The First Conquerors of Mount Everest
C An Unsolved Mystery on Mount Everest
D The Discovery that Solved a 75-year-old Mystery