

'The Man Who Bought a Mountain'

Writing Activity



"Everyone: stick together, look out for each other and stay on the trail, please. The path is really rocky and steep. It's mostly uphill from here – but I suppose you'd all guessed that! As the elders say, the longest journey begins with a single step."

Yash finished his speech and smiled at the weather-beaten faces looking back at him. He had spoken loudly and clearly to the group of nine men and women, most of whom shuffled from foot to foot, adjusting huge rucksacks as they listened.

From 'The Man Who Bought a Mountain'

Imagine that you are one of the group beginning the expedition to climb the mountain. What would be your thoughts and feelings at the start of the trek? What equipment would you have? Describe the first part of your journey.

Use these keywords as ideas to help you:

mountain	trail	path	rucksack	exciting	anticipation
undergrowth	confidently	thirsty	breathless	exhausted	

You could start with one of these openers:

We set off with trepidation behind the experienced young guide...

After a final adjustment of my heavy rucksack, I took the first step of the journey...

Excitedly, we headed off up the steep path through the trees...