

Unit 5

Text: It's Tough at the Top

Before reading

- Mount Qomolangma
n. 珠穆朗玛峰 = Mount Everest
 - 喜马拉雅山: the Himalayas
 - Expedition n. 远征, 探险队
 - Explore v. 探测, 探险, 考察, 探究
 - Explorer
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Reading

- Please read Para. 1 – 10.
 - Names and their relations:
 1. Francis Younghusband
 2. George Mallory
 3. Andrew Irvine
 4. Eric Simonson
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Structure Analysis

- Part I: Para. 1-3
 - How George Mallory started his expedition to Mount Qomolangma.

 - Part II: Para. 4-10
 - Eric Simonson's trip to discover the myth of Mallory's death.
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Difficult sentences

- ❑ Modern explorers, however, are becoming more fascinated by the ultimate fate of earlier doomed explorers.
 - ❑ At the time no one had been within 65 kilometers of the mountain, which could only be approached through the unknown kingdoms of Nepal or China's Tibet.
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Difficult sentences

- The accomplishment of such a feat will elevate the human spirit and will give man, especially us geographers, a feeling that we are acquiring a true mastery of our surroundings.
 - This is the incalculable good which the ascent of Mount Qomolangma will confer.
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Difficult sentences

- The mystery has shifted away from Qomolangma the mountain, towards Mallory the man.
 - ..., not because it was there, but because he was.
 - Mallory's name on the clothes so surprised the search party their first thought was to wonder why Irvine had been wearing his climbing partner's shirt.
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Difficult sentences

- ❑ To refuse the adventure is to run the risk of drying up like a pea in its shell.
 - ❑ He threw his **lot** in with Irvine and the pair set off on their fatal summit **bid**.
 - ❑ As he stood, his eyes tracking them against the mosaic of rock and snow, the weather closed in again, clouding their fate for the next 75 years.
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Reading

- Please read Para. 11 – 18.
 - Names and their relations:
 1. John Torrington
 2. Sir John Franklin
 3. Owen Beattie
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Structure Analysis

- Part III: Para. 11-12
 - More investigations.

 - Part IV: Para. 13-17
 - Owen Beattie's trip to discover the myth of John Torrington and his fellows' death.

 - Part V: Para. 18
 - The mystery of both the man and the mountain live on.
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