

Mountain Doctors

Specialist doctors are needed at Base Camp to monitor and treat mountaineers, climbers and trekkers. These doctors are especially trained to deal with high altitude conditions which affect people most commonly over 5000 metres as well as mountain accidents.

You will need to find out from internet research:

What conditions do high altitude doctors treat?

Why do these conditions need treating so urgently?

Why are clinics at Base Camp so important?

You need to think about:

Would Mountain Doctors want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

Give reasons for your decision.

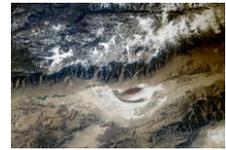
Would they want any particular facilities in the new settlement?

Possible Web Sites for Research

www.mounteverest.net/expguide/altdangers.htm

www.thebmc.co.uk/world/mm/mm0.htm

<http://www.unlockingthearchives.rgs.org/themes/everest/factsheets/>



Trekker

Trekking to Everest Base Camp has become increasingly popular for both personal gain and as a charity fund raising event. Treks require people to be strong, fit walkers capable of walking all day over ten days. The treks take in the most breath-taking of scenery, including Mount Everest. A night, or two, is spent at Everest Base Camp, 'Tent City,' during which trekkers are immersed in the mountaineering atmosphere.

You will need to find out from internet research:

What types of accommodation would trekkers use whilst trekking in Nepal?

What type of accommodation would trekkers appreciate whilst trekking?

How can accommodation help support the local Sherpa population?

You need to think about:

Would Trekkers want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

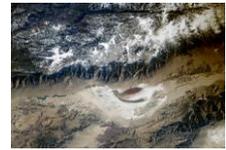
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http://peakfreaks.com/sherpa_culture.htm

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Mountaineer

As the highest mountain in the world, at 8, 848 metres, Mount Everest attracts many mountaineers and has become more popular in the last decade. Each mountaineer requires a strong team of people supporting them including Sherpas, trainers, cooks and doctors. Base Camp is a place for not only acclimatisation to high altitude but intense planning and information gathering about local weather and terrain conditions. Weeks can be spent at Base Camp waiting for the right conditions to make an attempt of climbing Everest. Whilst climbers make this difficult ascent many of their team wait at Base Camp for their return.

You will need to find out from internet research:

Who was the first person to successfully climb Mount Everest?

When was this?

Why is it important for mountaineer's to stay at Base Camp for so long?

What do mountaineers, and their team do at Base Camp?

What conditions make the stay at Base Camp difficult?

You need to think about:

Would Mountaineers want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

Give reasons for your decision.

Would they want any particular facilities in the new settlement?

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Nepalese Sherpa

As a local person you are much more acclimatised to altitude than Britons and you have valuable knowledge about local conditions and changing weather patterns. You help mountaineering teams ascend Mount Everest from Base Camp by providing valuable support in terms of route knowledge and cooking.

You will need to find out from internet research:

What do Sherpas do?

Why are Sherpas invaluable to mountaineering teams?

Why do Sherpas do this?

The name of a Sherpa who has climbed Everest.

How do Sherpas live? - Their lifestyle such as jobs they do, education and their religion.

You need to think about:

Would Sherpas want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

Give reasons for your decision.

Would they want any particular facilities in the new settlement?

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<http://www.unlockingthearchives.rgs.org/themes/everest/factsheets/>

www.mountainvoices.org/nepal.asp



Nepalese Porter

As a local person you are much more acclimatised to altitude than Britons and you have valuable knowledge about local conditions and changing weather patterns. You help mountaineering teams by providing valuable support at Base Camp in terms of carrying all of the equipment there and assembling it to form a good and efficient camp site.

You will need to find out from internet research:

What do Porters do?

Why are Porters so valuable to mountaineering teams?

Why do Porters do this?

The names of a few porters and what they do.

How do porters live? Their lifestyle such as jobs they do, education and their religion.

You need to think about:

Would Sherpas want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

Give reasons for your decision.

Would they want any particular facilities in the new settlement?

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Glaciologist

As a scientific geographer you are interested in the processes of glaciation and the features that they create. Your interest is in recording changes in these processes and features. As a glaciated area, Mount Everest and the Sagamatha National Park, is a key place for research.

You will need to find out from internet research:

What is glaciation?

What processes are involved?

Which features exist around Everest Base Camp?

What risk do these features present to mountaineers?

Why are these features at risk?

How are features and processes changing? Why is this?

You need to think about:

Why are glaciology studies so important on and around Mount Everest?

Would Glaciologists want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

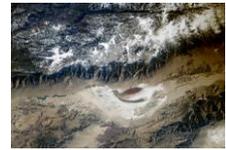
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<http://www.21cep.com/nepal/npgeo.htm>

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Ecologist

As a geographer you are interested in ecology (plants and animals) and the effects of people's interaction with the environment. You are alarmed at the estimation of 50 tonnes of rubbish being left on Mount Everest since 1953 and the disposal of human waste.

You will need to find out from internet research:

How much rubbish is on Mount Everest?

What types of rubbish are being left?

Why is rubbish being left?

How does this rubbish affect plants and animals?

Why is this so important?

You need to think about:

Why are ecological studies on and around Mount Everest so important?

Would Glaciologists want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

Give reasons for your decision.

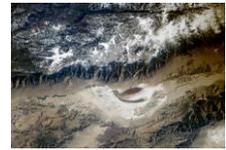
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<http://www.worldsurface.com/tours/tour.asp?tourid=821>

www.lnt.org/training/resources/index.html

www.wallyberg.com/cyber/everest0906/ev_0906_08.html



Himalayan Trust Member

As a member of the Himalayan Trust you are looking for ways of making tourism to Everest Base Camp more sustainable and therefore more environmentally friendly.

You will need to find out from internet research:

What is the Himalayan trust?

How set up the Himalayan Trust?

Why is the Himalayan Trust important?

How much rubbish has been left on and around Mount Everest?

Why is this a concern?

You need to think about:

Would members of the Himalayan trust want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

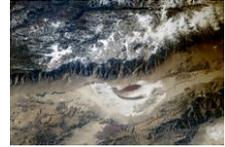
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Sagamatha National Park Officer

Mount Everest is in Sagamatha National Park which is also a World Heritage Site. Therefore both conservation and preservation of the landscape is important.

You will need to find out from internet research:

Where does the word 'Sagamatha' come from? What does it mean?

What is a World Heritage Site?

When did Sagamatha National Park become a World Heritage Site?

Why is Sagamatha National park so important?

You need to think about:

Would the Sagamatha National Park Officers want a permanent settlement at Base Camp?

Give reasons for your decision.

Would they want any particular facilities in the new settlement?

Possible Web Sites for Research

http://www.unep-wcmc.org/protected_areas/data/wh/sagarmat.html