

Lesson Plan

Mountain Explorers

Book: *Mountain Rescues*

Series: Rescues in Focus

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students use context clues and a text read aloud to practice using rescue-related vocabulary words in sentences.

Supplies

- *Mountain Rescues* book
- Mountain Explorers worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Print enough copies of the Mountain Explorers worksheet for half the class. Then read the *Mountain Rescues* book out loud.

Activity

Invite students to choose partners, and give each pair of students a copy of the Mountain Explorers worksheet. Explain that this worksheet contains a short story that is missing key words from the book. Students should use the book to fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary words.

Evaluation

Using the attached answer key, give students 1 point for each blank with the correct word, for up to 8 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grades 2 and 3 (RI 2.4, 3.5).

Mountain Explorers

Read the paragraph below. Use the vocabulary words from the box to fill in the blanks and complete the story.

crevasse
expedition

elevation
frostbite

harness
helicopter

reflected
summit

It was a bright and sunny day. Two friends decided to start their _____ up to the mountain's _____. They packed their bags with food, water, radios, rope, and other supplies. They wore warm clothes to prevent _____. On their journey, the snow _____ the sun's rays. It made it hard to see the right path. The two friends felt nervous. They didn't want to fall into a _____ they couldn't see. It was also getting colder, and the high _____ made it harder to breathe. Before long, the two friends realized they were lost. They called for help. Rescuers flew in a _____ to save them. The rescuers wrapped each person in a _____ and carried them both to safety.

Mountain Explorers **Answer Key**

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