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Mountain





Note to Librarians, Teachers, and Parents:

Blastoff! Readers are carefully developed by literacy experts and combine standards-based content with developmentally appropriate text.

Level 1 provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

Level 2 offers early readers a bit more challenge through varied simple sentences, increased text load, and less repetition of high-frequency words.

Level 3 advances early-fluent readers toward fluency through increased text and concept load, less reliance on visuals, longer sentences, and more literary language.

Level 4 builds reading stamina by providing more text per page, increased use of punctuation, greater variation in sentence patterns, and increasingly challenging vocabulary.

Level 5 encourages children to move from "learning to read" to "reading to learn" by providing even more text, varied writing styles, and less familiar topics.

Whichever book is right for your reader, Blastoff! Readers are the perfect books to build confidence and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

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The Mountain Biome



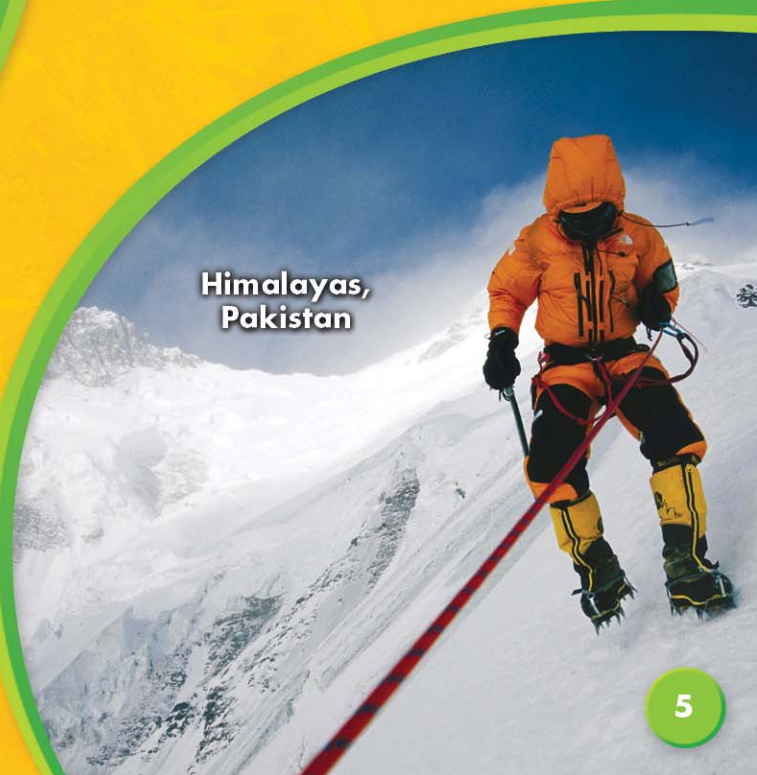
Julian Alps,
Slovenia

One of Earth's **biomes** is found higher up than any other! It is the mountain, or **alpine**, biome.



It begins above the **tree line**. Its snowy peaks are some of the planet's **harshest** places.

Himalayas,
Pakistan



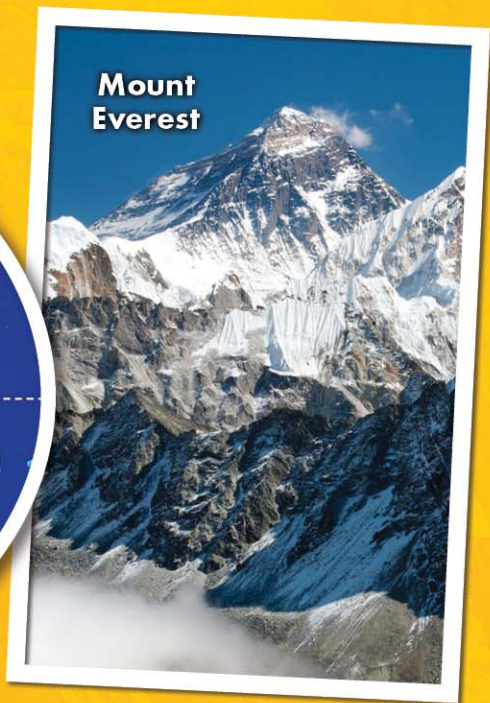
The alpine biome exists thousands of feet above **sea level**.
Mountains that reach great heights are found across the globe.

highest peak on continent = ▲

mountains = 



The world's tallest mountain is Mount Everest in Asia. It rises over 29,000 feet (8,840 meters) high!



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