

Biography Cloze Activity

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from the word bank below.

Word Bank

mountaineer

expedition

summit

achievement

explorer

beekeeper

Nepal

oxygen

ambitious

legacy

humanitarian

conquered

Sir Edmund Hillary: A New Zealand Icon

Sir Edmund Hillary was born in Auckland in 1919 and grew up to become one of New Zealand's most famous _____. Before his climbing career, Hillary worked as a _____, tending hives in the Auckland region. However, his _____ spirit led him to pursue more challenging adventures in the mountains.

On 29 May 1953, Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa from _____, became the first people to reach the _____ of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. This remarkable _____ made Hillary an international hero and brought pride to New Zealand. The climbers used bottled _____ to help them breathe in the thin air at such extreme altitude.

Hillary's successful _____ to Everest was just the beginning of his adventures. He continued to work as an _____, travelling to the South Pole and leading expeditions in Antarctica and the Himalayas. He _____ numerous peaks throughout his lifetime.

Beyond mountaineering, Hillary became known for his _____ work. He established schools, hospitals, and infrastructure for the Sherpa people of Nepal, showing gratitude to those who had helped him. His _____ continues to inspire New Zealanders to pursue excellence and give back to their communities.

Challenge: On the back of this page, write three interesting facts you learned about Sir Edmund Hillary from this passage.