

1. Answer the questions

Where do most sherpas live? _____

How many still live there today? _____

Where did they originally come from? _____

What is their religion? What do they worship? _____

What did sherpas do before mountaineering started? _____

Who was the first sherpa to climb Mount Everest? _____

Which animals do sherpas use to carry things? _____

How much can sherpas earn by guiding an expedition? _____

What has been done to make the life of sherpas better? _____

2. True or False

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Sherpas are mostly Muslims.		
Llamas are use to bring goods and other things to paces in the mountains.		
Tensing Norgay was the first sherpa to get to the top of Mount Everest.		
Sherpas do not use any cars.		
All sherpas have their own mountain-climbing companies.		
Over the past decades a lot have been done to help the sherpas.		
30% of all people who have died climbing Mount Everest have been sherpas.		

3. Fill in the correct words from the box

There are about 40,000 sherpas who live in _____ regions of the Himalaya Mountains. They came there from _____ sometime in the 16th _____. Today, sherpas still live in their _____ way, but some of them have _____ to a more modern way of life.

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Tensing Norgay was the first sherpa who _____ the top of the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest, together with Edmund Hillary. Today many sherpas _____ their money by leading tourists to the top of the Himalayas. An _____ can earn them \$2,000 and more.

In the past _____ many organizations have started to help the sherpas. Sir Edmund Hillary set up a _____ that built schools, hospitals and gave them _____. Still, many sherpas live in the same way their _____ did hundreds of years ago.

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