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1. The _____ are the highest mountain range on earth.
2. Mt. _____, the highest of the world's peaks, stands between Nepal and Tibet with a summit of 29,028 feet above sea level.
3. A group of people from Nepal known as _____ often act as guides for climbers because they are accustomed to the high altitude. They often use animals called _____ to carry expedition supplies to base camp.
4. It is important to wait at base camp so that your body can _____, or get used to the lack of oxygen in the air.
5. At the top of Everest, the high temperature in summer is about _____ and nighttime temperatures often reach -100° F.
6. Anyone who remains above 26,000 feet will eventually die from lack of oxygen, so if climbers don't get to the summit within a _____ or two, they must descend the mountain to a lower camp.
7. In 1953, the first people to make it to the top of Mt. Everest were Edmund _____ and Tenzing Norgay.

The Sensational Seven Summits (red)

1. The Seven Summits are the tallest mountains on each of the seven _____.
2. On the Australian continent, there is an ongoing argument about whether Puncak Jaya in Indonesia or _____ in New South Wales is actually the tallest, because some classify Indonesia as part of the Australian continent and others count it as part of Asia.
3. The highest mountain in Europe is not in the Alps; it's in the _____ Mountains.
4. Over _____ people have climbed all 7 mountains (usually eight).

Meet the Sherpas (blue)

1. There are about 100,000 Sherpas, or "Sharwa" meaning people from the east, who live in the country of _____ near the summit Mount Everest.
2. Sherpas are born into one of 18 _____, or extended families, called "ru."
3. The first woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest was _____ Sherpa.
4. The youngest person to ever reach the summit was _____ Kipa Sherpa.
5. One of the Sherpa's customs is for a guest to refuse food and drink until it has been offered _____ times.
6. Until recently, the only Sherpas who went to school were studying to become _____ priests and girls never went to school.
7. Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to reach the peak of Mt. Everest, established a special fund to build schools, clinics, and _____ in Nepal.
8. More than _____ of all Sherpas have jobs in tourism and they are generally paid much better than those with other types of jobs.
9. In 1991 the first all-_____ team climbed Mt. Everest.

Writing - Mr. Wright is thinking about climbing Mt. Everest next year. Do you think he should go? Write him a letter to explain why or why not.