



## Climbing Denali: Sample Comprehension Checks

The following questions can be used with “[Climbing Denali](#),” a short video produced by the PBS Kids series *Molly of Denali*. You may wish to ask students to work together, review answers with a partner, or watch the video twice. (This activity accompanies the [Using Multimedia strategy for English language learners](#).)

**Key terms:** Preview these terms before watching the video with students: *gear, summit, ranger, climber, expedition, lightweight*



Circle the best answer for each question.

1. Mount Denali is the:

- Tallest mountain in the United States
- Tallest mountain in North America
- Tallest mountain in the world

2. Walter Harper, an Alaska Native, was the first person to climb Denali in:

- 1903
- 1913
- 1923

3. How is mountain climbing is easier today?

- The boots and axes are heavier.
- The path up the mountain is shorter.
- The gear is lighter and warmer.

4. One of these items was **not** on the list of gear the climbers said they need today. Which one?

- Tent
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag

5. One of the men the students interviewed was related to Walter Harper. Which one?

- Brian, who worked at the museum
- Sam, who spoke Gwich'in (an Indigenous language)
- Dana, Sam's friend

6. Which of these things did Sam and Dana say is important for climbing Mount Denali?

- Working as a team and taking care of each other
- Climbing Mount Denali alone
- Climbing Mount Denali on Walter Harper's birthday