

King of the Mountain



"I'm king of the mountain!" said James.

"No, I'm king of the mountain!" declared Daniel.

The two boys laughed and raced to the top of a huge hill in the park. In school they had read about Mount Everest, the tallest mountain on Earth. After that, they began imagining themselves as great explorers climbing to the top of the world. They scaled every hill they found, and sometimes even pretended trees were mountains and climbed them too. They dreamed of someday traveling to the country of Nepal, where Mount Everest is, and joining one of the climbing expeditions. For now, they were happy to make believe.

"Let's roll down the hill," suggested James. Both boys lay on their backs and started to log roll down the soft and grassy side of the hill. Over and over they rolled until they were dizzy at the bottom.

"We won't be able to do that on Mount Everest," said James, and both boys laughed.

Directions: Based on the story, decide whether the statements below are true or false. Then fill in the circle for the correct answer.

1. In the story, James and Daniel are playing "King of the Mountain."
 True False
2. In school they read about Mount Everest, the tallest mountain on Earth.
 True False
3. James and Daniel don't like the idea of being explorers and climbers.
 True False
4. The boys can't roll down the hill at the park because it is too rocky.
 True False
5. James thinks he will be able to log roll down Mount Everest someday.
 True False