

Lesson 4 Explorers

A Find and circle.

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leave
reach
grateful
British
lead



B Read and write.

Skills Tip

Scan the reading for dates.

Climbing K2

K2 is the second-highest mountain in the world after Mount Everest. In 1939, Fritz Wiessner almost reached the top of K2, but he could not do it. Charles Houston tried to reach the top in 1938 and again in 1953, but he could not do it.

On July 31st, 1954, Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni from Italy became the first people to reach the top of K2. In 1977, a team from Japan became the second group to reach the top. In 1978, an American team became the third group to reach the top. In 1986, three women reached the top of K2.



1. When did Charles Houston try to reach the top of K2?

2. When did three women reach the top of K2?

3. On what day did Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni reach the top of K2?

C Write.

1. What country were Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni from?

2. Who tried to reach the top of K2 in 1939?

3. What mountain is higher than K2?

D Fill in the timeline. Then write.

1938			
Charles Houston tried to reach the top of K2.	Fritz Wiessner almost reached the top of K2.	Charles Houston tried again to reach the top of K2.	Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni reached the top of K2.

1. What happened in 1938?

Charles Houston tried to reach the top of K2.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

E Think and write.

Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni reached the top of K2 in the summer of 1954. Do you think it's better to climb K2 in the summer or the winter?

