

Level 1

# Zip to the Top



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# Get Ready to Read

## Focus Words

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job

jug

six

zip

yet

quit

yes

fit

win

## Review Words

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up

big

map

cot

bag

mom

dad

top

not

sun

rub

sip



## Sight Words

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is                      he                      go  
a                        has                     his  
says                    to                        and  
the                      from

## Sentences

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It is a big job.

He is not at the top yet.

# Vocabulary

**cot**

a small bed that is usually lightweight and easy to move around

**blind**

not able to see

# Zip to the Top



This is Erik.  
He will go up a  
big mountain!  
It is a big job.

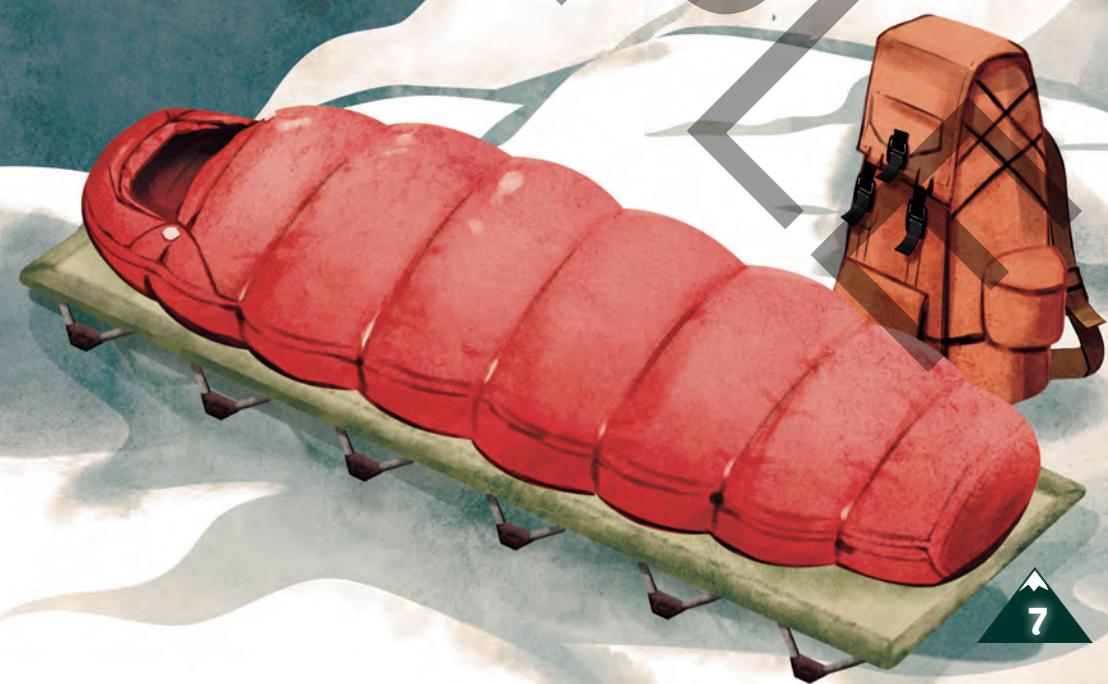


He has his map.  
He has his jug.





He has a cot.  
He has a bag.



He says bye to his  
mom and dad.



It is time to zip to the top!  
Zip! Zip! Zip!



The mountain is big!  
He is not at the top yet!



He touches his map.  
He is not at the top yet!

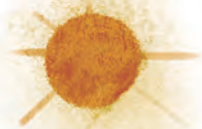


He rests on his cot.  
He will not quit.

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The sun is up.  
He is on the move.  
Tap! Pat! Rub!



He has a sip from his jug.  
He is not at the top yet!





He is at the top!  
Yes! Yes! Yes!



# Building Knowledge

Erik Weihenmayer is an author. He writes books. He is also a teacher.

Erik is blind. He cannot see. He has a guide dog to help him find his way around. He also uses a cane to help him get from one place to the next.



Erik became the first blind person to hike Mount Everest. Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world. Mount Everest is in Asia. Asia is a continent. Erik traveled from the United States to Mount Everest. It was a long trip!



While on Mount Everest, Erik used two trekking poles. The poles helped him balance and feel the ground while he hiked. Erik also climbed with other people who guided him where to go. The group worked as a team. They decided how far to climb each day and when to stop for a break.

It took a lot of courage and hard work for Erik to climb Mount Everest. Sometimes, he was scared, cold, or tired while climbing. One time, the wind was so strong that it pushed Erik into the snow or rocks. However, Erik did not get up. He persevered and kept climbing with his team.

Erik wrote a book about his time on Mount Everest.

Erik helps children try new things, like climbing mountains. He wants all kids to feel strong and brave.

Many people are proud of Erik. Erik even met the President of the United States!



Erik and his guide dog meet President Bush.

# Discourse

**How does Erik overcome challenges to accomplish his goal?**



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