

ZIP TO THE TOP



By RedThread Readers

Get Ready to Read

Focus Words

job

jug

six

zip

yet

quit

yes

fit

win

Review Words

up

big

map

cot

mom

dad

top

not

sun

rub

sip



Sight Words

is

he

go

a

has

his

says

to

and

the

from

Sentences

It is a big job.

He is not at the top yet.

Vocabulary

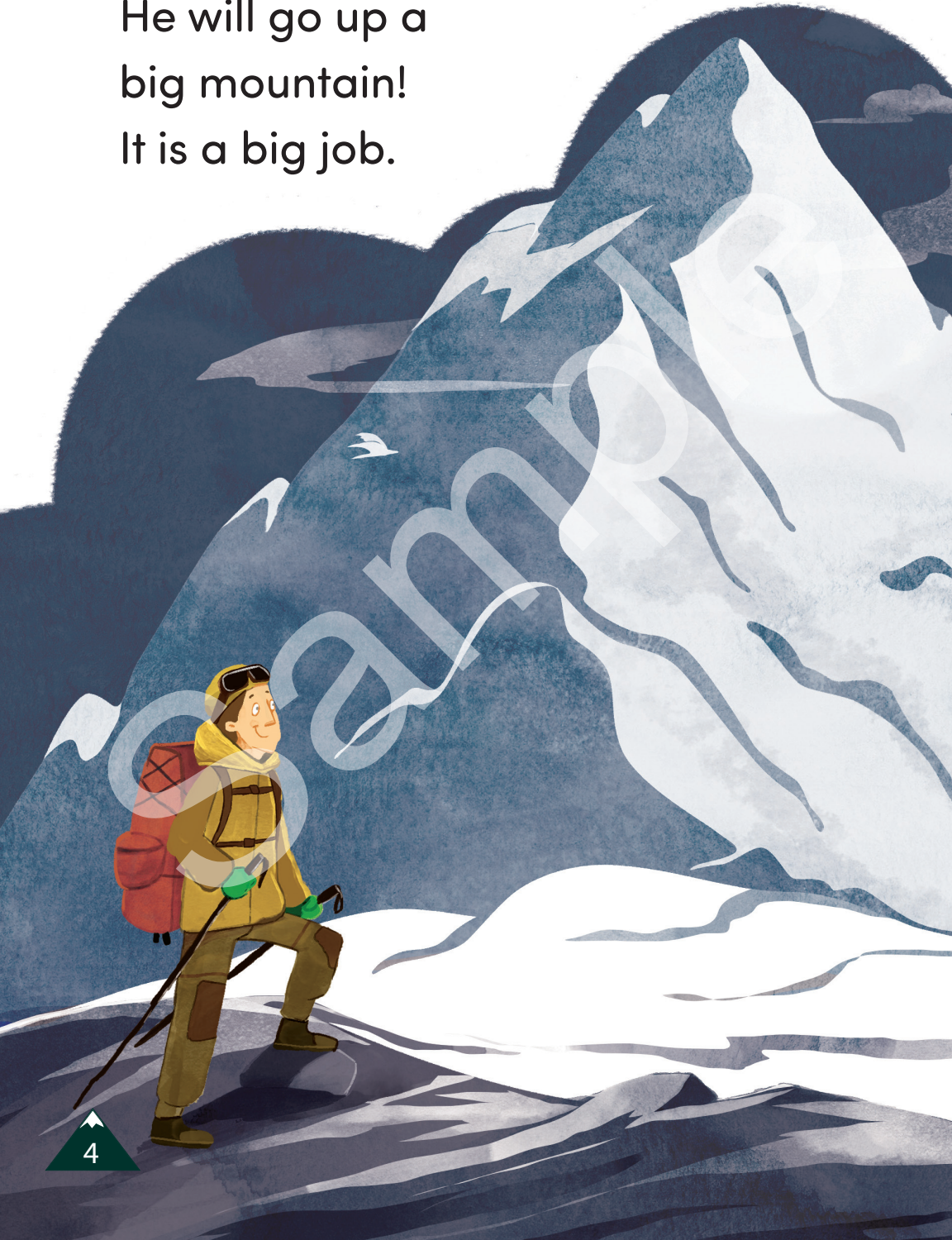
cot

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

blind

not able to see

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!

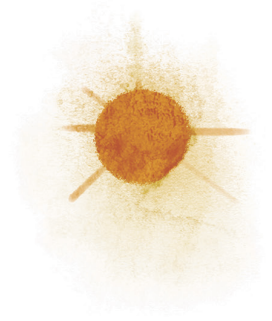


He rests on his cot.
He will not quit.

Sample



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, teacher, and athlete. In 2001, he became the first blind person to hike Mount Everest. Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world. Each year, thousands of

climbers try to reach the top of Mount Everest. Many don't make it.

When Erik decided to climb Mount Everest, he knew it'd be a huge challenge. Usually, he uses a cane as well as a guide dog to help him find his way around. Erik knew it would take a lot of hard work, problem solving, and courage. He relied on his ears, hands, and feet to work through this challenge. He used two trekking poles to feel the ground beneath him. He listened to his special team as they guided him up the mountain. The mountain was very cold and windy. But Erik did not give up and finally made it to the top! Later, Erik wrote a book about his climb to encourage others to face and overcome obstacles.

Discourse

How does Erik overcome challenges to accomplish his goal?





In **Zip to the Top**, Erik works hard to overcome a challenge and accomplish one of his dreams: to climb Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world!



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Consonants: f, j, qu,

y, v, w, x, z

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