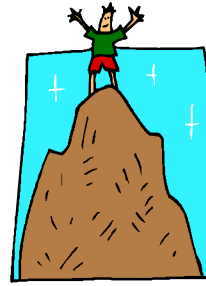




Cliff Hanger



hut - a small, simple house or shelter

Cathedral - a large or important church

registration book - a book used to record the names of guests at a hotel, club, or school

climbing nuts - rock-climbing tools that are jammed into cracks in the rock and used to anchor ropes

carabiners - metal rings used by rock climbers to attach ropes to themselves or to climbing nuts

trekked - made a slow and difficult journey on foot

avalanches - areas of rock, snow, or earth that fell down a mountain

shaft - a tall column or pillar

ledge - a shelf of rocks

ridge - a long narrow chain of mountains

bracing - making firm, steadying

belay - being tied to a person or rock with a rope for safety

plunging - falling suddenly and quickly

splats - short splashing noises

harness - a set of straps that attach to a safety rope

rappel - to come down a cliff by sliding down a rope

void - a large, empty space

vertical - straight up and down

descent - a trip down into or from something, such as a mountain

concentration - the act of thinking hard, staying focused