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We've made it! We've actually made it. I'm writing this on top of the Matterhorn. And they said it couldn't be done. Pah! I set off yesterday morning with six friends, and we reached our camp by noon. Next day, we were on the move early.

Luckily, the weather was brilliant and the climbing was easier than we thought. I was so excited, I ran the last bit.

Later that day...

Everything's going wrong. Horribly wrong. On the way back down disaster struck. We were all roped together for safety. Then,

suddenly, one man lost his footing and slipped, dragging three others to their deaths. I still can't believe it. I only survived because the rope broke and stopped me plumping down...



vraiment	actually
atteindre	
escalader	
	run, ran, run
	strike, stuck, struck
corde	

sécurité	
perdre l'équilibre	to lose one's footing
glisser	
	drag
	break, broke, broken
dégringoler	

Translate:

L'avez-vous fait?

Nous avons atteint le camp vers midi.

C'était plus facile que je ne le pensais.

Nous étions très excités.

J'ai survécu uniquement grâce à la corde.

Do they climb?

The Italian Reinhold Messner – A banana – A goldfish – The Yeti – A bear – The Eiffel Tower – A river –

An alpinist – A potato – A prison cell – A monkey – A cotton field – Spiderman – A deckchair – A squirrel