

TINE AND THE FARAWAY MOUNTAIN

Understanding the Text

A. 1. Tine spent her childhood days in the Mishmi hills. She used to climb trees, run through the jungle and spend long days lying under the sun.

2. There was no mountain in Roing. Tine could not hear the wonderful call from the distant mountains. She missed the sound and wanted to return to the mountains again. So she was sad in Roing.

3. Tine applied to be a porter for army expeditions in the mountains. This would help her return to the mountains she missed.

4 Tine met Dr Meitei on one of her expeditions as a coordinator. Dr Meitei recognised Tine's talent, and helped her to train as a mountain climber.

5. Tine dreamed of climbing Mount Everest. She went to the Everest base camp to get used to the harsh weather before she actually began climbing the mountain.

6. a. The storm blew Tine and Cherring's tent and supplies away when they were just about to take rest in the final camp. They had to borrow a tent where they spent the night.

b. When Tine and Cherring started climbing the mountain the next day, the wind kept growing stronger. The wind was so strong that walking ahead became very difficult and climbing the mountain seemed to have become almost impossible for every two steps they took, they reeled back one step.

7. a. Tine became the first woman from Northeast India to climb Mount Everest. Yes, she deserved it.

b. Tine was a gifted mountain climber. Had she not met Dr Meitei, however, she would possibly never have received training to become skilled at mountain climbing. Cherring Sherpa, who accompanied her to the top of Mount Everest, also supported her and helped her to brave the weather conditions and continue to climb to the top.