

## Why Climb Everest? *(pages 6–7)*

- Use the map on **page 6** to identify the position of Mount Everest. It sits on the border between two countries – which two countries?
- Mount Everest is situated in which **continent**?
- For how many years before Hillary and Tenzing's achievement had climbers been trying to reach the top of Mount Everest?
- How high is Mount Everest, according to 'recent measurements'?
- List at least two species of animal that you can see in the illustration. How do you think they would need to adapt to survive in harsh conditions on the mountain?
- Why can no animal or plant survive at the 'highest points' of the mountain?
- Why do any climbers need to 'battle for every step they take' on Everest? List two reasons.