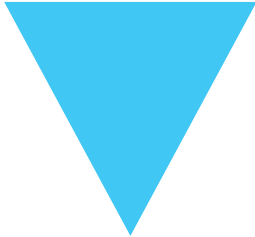


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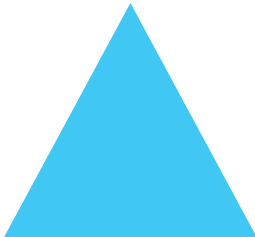
Finding the Literal Main Idea



First Sentence—

The Icefall is a dangerous place. It is a maze of ice towers. Some ice towers are bigger than houses and have crevasses, or deep cracks, between them. The ice towers move as the glacier slides slowly down the mountain. From my tent at Base Camp, I can hear the ice cracking and growling. I set my alarm clock for 4:00 a.m. I will be ready at first light to start climbing.

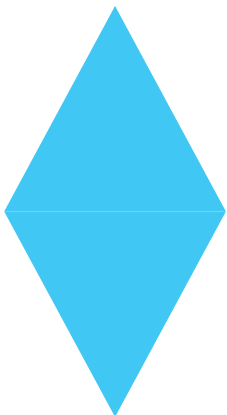
Climbing Mount Everest, Brigitte Muir



Last Sentence—

Another 10 miles (16 km) down the road, Greg and Bill “go visual,” following the storm by sight. The tops of the clouds are flattening out, becoming anvil clouds. Wind shear is pushing the clouds in a counterclockwise direction. **A super-cell is developing.**

Storm Chasers, Trudi Strain Trueit



Middle of the Paragraph—

There are lots of kinds of fleas. They all have a favorite host. **Most fleas are able to get a meal from more than one kind of animal.** Cat fleas, for examples, find humans quite tasty, and human fleas will bite dogs, pigs, and even burrowing owls!

What’s Eating You? Parasite—The Inside Story, Nicola Davies