

*** Subject : Comprehension * Textbook : Alexander , L. G. (1967)
Fluency in English Longman**

*** Stage : The third Stage**

*** Basic Aims :**

- 1. To introduce the student gradually to the world of ideas and to make him familiar with a wide range of different styles of writing .**
- 2. To continue the student's training in the four skills : understanding , speaking , reading and writing .**
- 3. To provide the student with a book which will enable him to use the language .**
- 4. To provide the teacher with material which will enable him to conduct each lesson with a minimum of preparation.**

*** Lecture (1)**

Title : Matterhorn Man

The main idea

In this passage we have two important things :-

The first one , we have the difference between the attitude of modern climber towards mountains and the attitude of early climber towards mountains , according to the modern climber , they try to climb mountains by a route which will give them good sport and fame . According to the early climbers , they were looking for the easiest way to the top because the summit was the prize they sought .

The second one , we have a comparison between three things :- Alpine villages , valley and climbers at their home :- Alpine villages such as Zermatt and Chamonix tended to be impoverished settlements cut off from civilization by the high mountains . In these villages there were inns and these inns were dirty and flea – ridden , the food simply local cheese , bread and coarse wine often twelve months old . Often a valley boasted no inn , and climbers found Shelter with the local priest (Who was usually as poor as his parishioners) and shepherds or cheese – makers.

In variably the background was the same : dirt , poverty , and very uncomfortable for men accustomed to eating seven course dinners and sleeping between fine linen sheets at home , the change to the Alps must have been very hard indeed .

*** Vocabulary :-**

- 1. route → way from one place to another**
- 2. regarded → considered**
- 3. summit → top**
- 4. sought → looked for**
- 5. faced → accept and deal with difficult situation**
- 6. perilous → dangerous**
- 7. shudder → shake with fear**
- 8. court → try to win**

9. solitary → single
10. coarse → bad
11. boasted → possessed
12. invariably → firmly or unchanging

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