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Climbing For Meaning

Directions: Read the story carefully. Pay attention to the bolded words. Use the surrounding sentences (context clues) to figure out what each word means. Write your own definition of the word in the space provided. Then circle the type of context clue used: **definition, example, synonym, antonym, or inference.**

Climbing the Mountain

Ethan had dreamed of climbing the tall peak near his town. Early one morning, he strapped on his backpack and began the long hike. As he climbed higher, he reached a **precipice**, a steep edge where the ground dropped straight down. Ethan's stomach fluttered as he looked over the side, realizing one wrong step could send him falling.

He pushed forward, noticing the air felt thinner at the higher **altitude**. Breathing became harder, and his legs felt heavy. Still, Ethan reminded himself that reaching the top would be worth it. With determination, he kept moving until he finally stood at the summit, gazing proudly at the view below.

Word 1: **precipice**

My definition: _____

Type of context clue: _____

Word 2: **altitude**

My definition: _____

Type of context clue: _____