

Everest Number Rhymes Answer Key

Key Numbers from the Passage:

- 29,000 (approximate height of Everest)
- 1953 (year of first successful climb)
- -40 (temperature near summit)

Sample Number-Rhyme Connections:

- **29 → Vine:** *"A giant vine stretches up to 29,000 feet, as tall as Everest."*
- **1953 → Tree:** *"In 1953, a tree grows at the top where Hillary and Norgay stand."*
- **40 → Door:** *"A frozen door slams shut at -40 degrees, trapping the climbers in the cold."*

Explanation:

These rhyming words (vine, tree, door) create funny or strange mental pictures that make the numbers easier to remember. Students may invent their own rhymes, but they must clearly connect the rhyme to the fact.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to make the rhymes **silly, exaggerated, or visual**, since unusual images stick better in memory.
- It's fine if students choose slightly different rhyming words (e.g., 40-floor instead of 40-door).
- Extension: Have students draw quick doodles of their rhyming images for even stronger recall.