

**ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOGA JEZIKA  
za 4. razrede srednjih škola**

SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM
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**This is the listening part of the county competition. There are two tasks to the listening part. Before each task, you will have time to look through the questions before you listen.**

**Open your tests at page 2 and look at Task 1.**

(short pause)

**Task 1**

**You will hear a recording about a man called Apa Sherpa and the Himalaya Mountains. Listen carefully to the instructions. For questions 1-10, complete the sentences using no more than one word for each gap. You will hear the exact words that you need to use. Do not change them. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions. You will hear the recording twice.**

**After you hear the recording for the second time, you have 1 minute to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

**There is an example (0) at the beginning.**

**You now have 20 seconds to read the sentences.**

(20 seconds)

**You will now hear the recording.**

(short pause)

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**Apa Sherpa - the Legend of Everest**

The Himalaya mountains have long been home to indigenous groups living in the valleys. The most famous of these are the Sherpa people. The word "Sherpa" is often used to mean mountain guide, though it actually refers to an ethnic group.

The Sherpa have valuable experience in mountain climbing, which they can provide to other climbers.

Every spring, Mount Everest draws in people from around the world to conquer its peak. At 8,849 meters (29,032 feet), it is considered the tallest point on Earth. Yet despite the riches surrounding the highest point on Earth, the Sherpa people who live in its shadow remain poor, with few educational opportunities.

In fact, many of Nepal's estimated 350,000 Sherpas live in remote, impoverished villages, connected to the rest of the country only by footpaths and small airstrips. Access to schooling is seldom beyond the primary level, and often too difficult for students to pursue further.

One of the greatest living mountaineers is a man by the name of Apa Sherpa. He will be turning 62 years old this year, but between 1990 and 2011 he reached the summit of Mount Everest 21 times. He says: "Growing up, I never aspired to summit Everest. My dream was to become a doctor. However, when I was 12 years old, my father died which meant that I had to drop out of school to support my family by working as a porter with mountaineering groups."

His climbing career began in 1985 and he began carrying loads on Everest in 1988. His first ascent to the summit was with Rob Hall, Gary Ball and Peter Hillary in May 1990.

In 2012, he led the first expedition to complete a 1,700km trek across the entire Nepalese Himalaya to raise awareness of climate change. The trek is now known as The Great Himalayan Trail and is considered one of the most difficult treks in the world.

Foreigners flock to climb Everest and bring both money and jobs to locals. Although this is on the one hand very positive for the Sherpa people, it also creates conflict. Too many Sherpa porters have lost their lives climbing because of the fact that they need to support and feed their families and are left with no other choice to do so.

Apa Sherpa now lives in the United States, where he co-founded the Apa Sherpa Foundation. The Foundation aims to bring awareness to the Sherpa's choicelessness and strives to better their life situations. The Foundation pays teachers' salaries in several villages to ensure schools remain open as well as providing hot lunches, computers, stationery and warm clothes to motivate children to attend classes.

Apa Sherpa believes that the true beauty of Nepal isn't the mountain, but rather the people who live in their shadow. Without education, the Sherpa will continue to have no choice but to risk their lives climbing the highest peak in the world.

[Count silently to 5 and then say the following:]

**You will now hear the recording again.**

[After the second reading, say the following:]

**You now have 1 minute to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

[Count silently to 60 – and then say the following:]

**Now turn to Task 2 on page 3.**

[Count silently to 5 and then say the following:]

**Task 2:**

**You will hear a recording about a war correspondent's walk around the world.**

**Listen carefully to the instructions. Read the sentences 1-5 and decide whether they are true or false.**

**The answers will occur in the same order as the questions. You will hear the recording twice.**

**After you hear the recording for the second time, you have 30 seconds to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

**There is an example (0) at the beginning.**

**You now have 20 seconds to read the sentences.**

(20 seconds)

**You will now hear the recording.**

(short pause)

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## **The War Correspondent Who Walked Around the World**

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and National Geographic Fellow Paul Salopek is documenting the world on his global, multi-year Out of Eden Walk. Since January 2013, the 59-year-old American has been walking from Africa along the ancient path of human migration, which started between 50,000 and 80,000 years ago.

A scientist by training, Salopek says his project is about storytelling; an experiment in slow and immersive journalism. Through the Out of Eden Walk, he aims to gather knowledge in a slower way, at a more human pace, infusing his work with richer, deeper insights into the landscapes and lives of the people he encounters.

Why walking? He thinks walking teaches about the world in an ideal way. The horizons are earned. You live within your body's limitations – marking progress by the length of your stride. It keeps you grounded, humble. Like a lot of things that are good in life – love, friendship, food, conversation – the slowness of it is essential. Walking reacquaints you with the forgotten ceremonies of arrivals and departures. These are daily rituals that motorised transport, speed, schedules, have obliterated. And you wake up to every sky not knowing where you will sleep next, yet with a steadying directionality to your life: east. You experience a continuity in life that he thinks must have been our original state. The world slides by, your waking hours balance between alertness and daydreaming.

Salopek's more than 38,000km odyssey will extend across 36 countries. So far, he has covered 12,000km.

[Count silently to 5 and then say the following:]

**You will now hear the recording again.**

[After the second reading, say the following:]

**You now have 30 seconds to check your answers and copy them onto the Answer Sheet.**

[Count silently to 30 – and then say the following:]

**This is the end of the listening task.**

**You may now go on to do the other parts of the test.**