



ENGLISH

NCERT - NCERT ENGLISH(HINGLISH)

SILK ROAD

Questions

1. Notice these expressions in the text. Infer their meaning from the context.

ducking back

swathe

careered down

manoeuvres

cairn of rocks

salt flats

billowed



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Understanding The Text

1. The article has been titled ‘Silk Road.’



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2. Tibetan mastiffs were popular in China's imperial courts.



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3. The author's experience at Hor was in stark contrast to earlier accounts of the place.



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4. The author was disappointed with Darchen.



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5. The author thought that his positive thinking strategy worked well after all.



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[Briefly Comment On](#)

1. The purpose of the author's journey to Mount Kailash.



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2. The author's physical condition in Darchen.



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3. The author's meeting with Norbu.



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4. Tsetan's support to the author during the journey.



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5. "As a Buddhist, he told me, he knew that it didn't really matter if I passed away, but he thought it would be bad for business."



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Talking About Text Discuss In Groups Of Four

1. The sensitive behaviour of hill-folk.



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2. The reasons why people willingly undergo the travails of difficult journeys.



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3. The accounts of exotic places in legends and the reality.



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Thinking About Language

1. What do the following utterances indicate?

(i) “I told her, through Daniel ...”

(ii) “It’s a cold,” he said finally through Tsetan.



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2. Guess the meaning of the following words.

kora, drokba, kyang

In which language are these words found?



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Working With Words

1. Explain the use of the adjectives in the following phrases.

(i) shaggy monsters

(ii) brackish lakes

(iii) rickety table

(iv) hairpin bend

(v) rudimentary general stores



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