

## Assembly Resource

Read through the information below about K2 and the climbers' recent ascent to the summit. What do you think would have been the hardest part of the climb? How do you think the climbers would have felt when they reached the summit?



### K2 Fact file

- K2 is found on the China-Pakistan border.
- It is the second highest mountain in the world at 8611m (28251ft).
- Known as the Savage Mountain, as it is very hard to climb, some believe harder than Mount Everest.



### K2 Winter Climb

Above: Nirmal Purja, pictured on K2 on an earlier climb in 2019.

*The impossible made possible!  
History for mankind. History made  
for Nepal.*

One of the climbers, Nirmal Purja.

This year, the group of 10 Nepalese climbers were the first ever to tackle and successfully reach the summit of K2 in winter, when the temperatures can plummet to  $-80^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $-62^{\circ}\text{C}$ )! Previously nobody had managed to get higher than 7650m in the winter months.

The final day of climbing took the group 16 hours and the whole team waited 10m below the summit to form a group, then stepped onto the summit together while singing the Nepalese national anthem.