

To answer questions on a text

# The Man Who Moved a Mountain:

## A True Story of One Man's Endeavour

Dashrath Manjhi was a poor man who worked as a labourer in a remote mountain village near Bihar in eastern India. After a tragic event, he dedicated his life to a project which led to him becoming known as 'Mountain Man' or 'The Man Who Moved the Mountain'.



When Manjhi's wife fell one day, she was injured and in need of medical help. The journey to the nearest hospital was 55 kilometres. Sadly, Manjhi's wife died because she could not reach a hospital in time.

The labourer said that he never wanted anyone else to suffer the same fate as his wife. He spent the next 22 years creating a road through the mountain with only a hammer and chisel. Manjhi had to sell the family's three goats to buy the hammer and chisel that he used. When news spread about what the man was doing, many people thought that he had gone mad. People thought that he would die before he had time to finish his mission.

However, in honour of his wife, he continued for more than twenty years, working day and night. By the time he had finished, he had carved a road through the side of the mountain. His village now has access to schools, hospitals and jobs for the first time. Thanks to the efforts of this 'Mountain Man', the distance from the village to hospital changed from 55km to 15km.

The road that he created is 9 metres wide and 110 metres long.

In 2011, a documentary film was made about Dashrath Manjhi, called 'The Man Who Moved the Mountain'. Another film was made in 2015 called 'Manjhi - The Mountain Man'.

**Location Fact File:** Bihar is a state in eastern India. To the north, it borders Nepal. The famous River Ganges flows right through Bihar from west to east. The Himalayan mountains begin a short distance over the border into Nepal.

### Questions

#### How to ensure you get full marks in your comprehension.

For 1 mark, you must retrieve one piece of information from the text.

For 2 marks, you must retrieve one piece of information from the text OR give your opinion and then explain your point.

For 3 marks, you must make your point, give evidence and then explain how the evidence proves your point.

Please ensure that you take the time to add enough detail to your answers, paying close attention to the suggested marks at the side of each question.

### Mild questions

1. How long did Dashrath Manjhi spend carving out the passageway through the mountains?

Tick one (1)

- Five months
- Fifty five weeks
- Two years
- Twenty two years

2. Circle the correct answer. (1)

When Manjhi first started the mission, people thought he was:

clever                      mad                      happy                      strong

3. Draw lines to match the measurement of the new road that the Mountain Man created. (3)

Journey from the village to the hospital	110 metres
Width of the road	15 kilometres
Length of the road	9 metres

4. What was Dashrath Manjhi's job? Circle one (1)

doctor                      farmer                      labourer                      film maker

Why do you think Manjhi's mission was a difficult one? Give two different reasons to support your answers. (2)

5. Write down one thing that the village had new access to after the project was complete. (1)
  
6. What was the name of the documentary film that was made about Dashrath Manjhi in 2015? (1)