

New Elementary 1  
Unit 9 Reading  
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8.1 Read the following passage. Try to guess the meaning of the highlighted words.  
The picture can help you a lot.

**stretch** = extend = امتداد داشتن

**peak** = the top part of a mountain

**volcano** = آتش فشان

**valley** = the opening between two mountains = دره

**forest** = a big area full of trees = جنگل

**summit** = peak = mount = قله

**grassland** = meadow = مرغزار، چمنزار



## Mount Damavand

Mount = the top part of a mountain = summit = peak = چکاد، قله،

Mountain = کوه

The Alborz mountain range in Northern Iran **stretches** from west to east, in the southern coast of the Caspian Sea. This mountain range is like a natural line between the southern part of the Caspian Sea and the center of Iran. The Alborz Chain is more than 1500 kilometers long and its average height is about 3000 meters. It has several **peaks** over 4000 meters.

Mountain Range = رشته کوه = a group of mountains = Mountain Chain

Northern Iran = the north of Iran

northern # southern

stretch = extend = امتداد داشتن

coast = seaside = ساحل

like = such as = مانند

nature (n.) = طبیعت

natural (adj.) = طبیعی

chain = زنجیره، رشته

1500 = one thousand (and) five hundred = fifteen hundred

The Alborz Chain = The Alborz Mountain Range

more than # less than

average = میانگین، متوسط  
height = ارتفاع، بلندی = how high something is  
about = almost, around  
several = چندین  
over = more than

The highest mountain in the Alborz Range is Damavand. Damavand is a very big volcano in the central part of this great mountain range. There are beautiful mountains, valleys and forests around it. This mountain is 5671 meters (18605 feet) high; it is the highest peak in the Middle East and the highest volcano in Asia. Snow covers this mountain in winter and the upper parts in the other seasons. Its snowy white summit with its clouds is one of the most beautiful sights of Iran.

center (n.) = مرکز

✚ Isfahan is in the center of Iran.

central (adj.) = مرکزی

great = very big

5671 = five thousand (and) six hundred (and) seventy one

5671 = fifty six, seventy one

18605 = eighteen thousand (and) six hundred (and) five

the Middle East = خاورمیانه = the southwest of Asia and northeast of Africa

cover = پوشاندن

upper # lower

sight = مکان دیدنی = an interesting place to see

The Damavand region is one of the most beautiful natural sights. It has fields full of wild flowers in spring and nice grasslands in summer. It is also a rainy area with cold winters and cool summers.

region = منطقه = area

field = an area of land

wild = وحشی

a rainy area = an area with lots of rain

cool = a little cold; not very cold