

Answers

Below is the corrected paragraph. The correct answers are shown in red. There is a guide in blue to where you can find more information about the grammar points in this paragraph. All information can either be found in the 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' book or from lessons in the Fluency Space Academy.

France's highest mountain, Mont Blanc, **is shrinking** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 1. Later in the paragraph, we are told that this is not a long-term issue, which is why we use present continuous here to describe a temporary situation) at a rate of around 13cm per year. Since 2021, the mountain **has shrunk** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 4) by 2.22m, which sounds like quite a lot, but **according to** (See Lesson 'Key Prepositions and Collocations') geologists this should be of no concern. The current shrinking of Mont Blanc certainly does not mean that this process will continue **on a long-term basis** (See Lesson 'Key Prepositions and Collocations'). The main variation in the height generally stems from the amount of ice and snow at the summit, meaning that some years can see variations of up to 5 metres. Of course, we **are used to hearing** (See Lesson 'Key Verb Patterns') about the effects of global warming on snow in mountain ranges, but the changes in the height of the mountain **can also be caused** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lesson 11) by other factors such as high winds and the rate of precipitation. A higher peak would have been recorded in the winter of 2022 if we **had received** (See 'How to Use Verb Tenses in Business' Lessons 15) stronger precipitation and lower winds.

Regardless of the official height of the mountain, it is certainly **worth climbing** (See Lesson 'Key Verb Patterns') to the top in order to see the magnificent views from the summit!