Practice with Punctuation

Directions: Read the following paragraph. As you read, place any commas, hyphens, or any other punctuation marks that may be missing.

The Climb

 Levi tipped back his head and looked up at the rocky large mountain. It was a steep difficult climb. He was sorry now that he agreed to undertake the treacherous tiring journey. Still, he’d promised his kind patient step father that at least he’d try. His new dad was a former mountain climber and this trek up the mountain was important to him.

 Levi turned to where his step father was kneeling before their nylon backpacks. He had laid out the following supplies they’d bought a flashlight, clear water bottles snacks and rain ponchos. When he had checked each item, he gave a happy satisfied nod. “That’s it” he said “I think we have everything.” He stood and grinned jauntily at his step son, who was a nervous inexperienced climber.

 “Ready, son?” the confident capable climber asked.

 “What about your new point and shoot camera? Levi asked.

 “I’ve got it,” said his step-father.

 “What about your new black cellphone?” Levi asked.

 “There’s no reception on the mountain” his step father said. “That’s why we need all those supplies with us. Ready to go?”

 Levi nodded. “I’m right behind you,” he said, with a nervous high-pitched chuckle.