

1. This is an article Polly read last week when she was looking for information about volcanoes. Read it carefully and then answer the questions.

The birth of an island

"Surtsey" was born in 1963. It was a great event for scientists. They were lucky enough to be able to see the birth of the volcanic island. It began at 7:30 a.m. on 14th November. A



fishing boat was sailing near Iceland. When the boat moved under that captain's feet, he saw some black smoke. A volcano was erupting. The bottom of the grey Atlantic was open. Red-hot rocks, flames and smoke were rushing up from a split in the sea-bed. The island grew quickly. It was 10 metres high the next day and 60 metres high on 18th November. Scientists flew to Reykjavik because there they could watch what was happening. It was very exciting. Smokes and flames were still rushing up. Pieces of red-hot rock were flying into the air and falling into the sea. The sea was boiling and there was a strange light in the sky. "Surtsey" grew and grew. Then it stopped in June 1967. It was 175 metres high and 2 kilometres long. And life was already coming to "Surtsey". Seed came over the sea. Plants grew. Birds came. Some scientists built a house because they wanted to learn about this young island. A new island is like a new world.

1. What is "Surtsey"?

2. Where is "Surtsey"?

3. Why did the Captain see black smoke?

4. The island was 10 metres high on November 15th.

TRUE

FALSE

5. Scientists planted seed on the island.

TRUE

FALSE

2. Read the letter Polly wrote to her friend and then complete each blank with one word.

Dear Jessica,

Yesterday was a terrible day! In the morning, I drank too _____ coffee for breakfast and I ate _____ many biscuits all morning that I felt sick. _____ I was not feeling well, I had to take the dog for a walk and lost him! While I _____ looking for him, it started to rain so heavily that I got completely wet. Finally, after a few hours, I found him.

In the afternoon I tried to do my homework. I looked for information about volcanoes and Surtsey. _____, there was so little data about them that I _____ finish it.

In the evening I forgot to go to Diana's party. It was _____ a fantastic party that everybody talked about it the next day.

Luckily today _____ been a better day so far - although it hasn't finished _____ - and I have heard very good news: I'm going to my granny's house _____ month!

Love,
Polly.

3. Jessica and Polly went to the countryside to visit Polly's grandmother. Read about what they did there and complete each blank with the correct tense.

Last year when I visited my grandmother, Jessica came too. One day we _____ (meet) a girl called Sheila. While we _____ (play), we got angry with her, but now I _____ (+ not remember) why.

Anyway, we went round to her house one day with Jessica and _____ (see) these telephone wires running down the side of the house. I took the wires and tied them to the front door while Jessica _____ (watch) to see if anyone was coming. Then we rang the doorbell and ran off to hide round the corner. Sheila's mother opened the door and she pulled the wires off the wall. They _____ (+ not use) the telephone for three days. The funniest part was that Sheila's parents _____ (not know) it was me and they wrote a letter to Jennifer's parents thinking it was her. Jennifer was another girl who lived on the same road. They never _____ (discover) that it was me! Jessica said, "I _____ (never have) so much fun in all my life, Polly. It was great, _____ (be) it?".

