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Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each item. Circle the letter of the best answer. You can go back and reread "Vesuvius Erupts!" to help find the answer.

- 1** How do we know that people in Pompeii did not expect Vesuvius to erupt?
- A They all went for a long walk together.
 - B They played and sang for the volcano.
 - C They did the same things they always did.
 - D They thought it was a very hot morning.
- 2** Which of these events happened when Vesuvius erupted?
- A Water poured from Vesuvius.
 - B There were cool breezes.
 - C Hurricanes destroyed houses.
 - D Lava poured down the volcano.
- 3** Why did the ash in Pompeii get hard?
- A The ash blocked the sun.
 - B Heavy rain made the ash like cement.
 - C The ash filled rooms and made roofs collapse.
 - D The dark sky made the ash get very hot.
- 4** About how long did Pompeii stay buried?
- A 25 years
 - B 275 years
 - C 1,000 years
 - D 1,700 years
- 5** How did Pompeii in 1750 compare to Pompeii in 79 A.D.?
- A The city looked almost exactly the same.
 - B The city had grown much bigger.
 - C Most of the buildings had fallen apart.
 - D Fewer people lived in the city in 79 A.D.
- 6** How can you tell "Vesuvius Erupts!" is narrative text?
- A It is fiction.
 - B It uses full sentences.
 - C It tells a story to readers.
 - D It is not hard to understand.

Key Words

Choose the word or words that best complete each sentence.
Circle the letter of the answer.

- 7** Mount Vesuvius was a _____ near Pompeii.
- A flood
 - B city
 - C hurricane
 - D volcano
- 8** _____ is melted rock.
- A Smoke
 - B Lava
 - C Shade
 - D Cement
- 9** The opening at the top of a volcano is a _____.
- A crater.
 - B shimmer.
 - C glow.
 - D city.
- 10** Rocks and _____ buried Pompeii.
- A fire
 - B ash
 - C smoke
 - D lava
- 11** A mountain that _____ is called a volcano.
- A erupts
 - B craters
 - C moves
 - D grows

Academic Words and Word Study

Choose the best definition for each word. Circle the letter of the best answer.

- 12** _____ means made up of.
A Speak of
B Attempt at
C Consist of
D Change up
- 13** _____ means proof.
A Eruption
B Evidence
C Region
D Ash
- 14** _____ means almost the same, but not exactly.
A Worried
B Disappearing
C Crowded
D Similar

Choose the word with the same number of syllables as the word in the box. Circle the letter of the best answer.

- 15** **batted** A lapped
 B asked
 C wasted
 D rushed
- 16** **wanted** A rolled
 B rained
 C folded
 D walked
- 17** **fooled** A listed
 B rooted
 C fated
 D stitched

In which word does *-ed* add a syllable? Circle the letter of the best answer.

- 18** A walked
 B barked
 C melted
 D lined
- 19** A filled
 B exploded
 C stayed
 D looked
- 20** A formed
 B liked
 C helped
 D waited

Grammar: Question Tags

Choose the best option to complete the questions.

1. You are ill, _____
a. isn't you? b. aren't you? c. are you?
2. Sarah is happy, _____
a. doesn't she? b. isn't she? c. is she?
3. They don't work in a hospital, _____
a. do they? b. are they? c. did they?

4. Your teacher was angry _____

- a. was she? b. wasn't she? c. didn't she?

5. You didn't study, _____

- a. do you? b. didn't you? c. did you?