

Reading

4 Read and write T for True or F for False.

Dear Tacitus,

How are you? This was a really bad week. It was really hot for this time of year. On 20th August, my dog didn't sleep at all. Then, in the morning, there was an earthquake! My family and I ran out of the house and we stayed in the garden all day. It was the safest place to be. My parents told us not to be afraid and that we had to get ready to leave the city. There were earthquakes every day! The sky was always dark and full of clouds.

On our last day in Pompeii, 24th August, hot ash was falling from the sky. We had to be very careful when we were outside. My uncle left us to go to a friend's house, so he could help her leave. We were going to meet them on the ship to go to Rome. We got on the ship and waited for him. When we were on the ship, there was a very loud noise. We looked around and saw that it was the volcano. Vesuvius erupted! Rivers of hot lava were moving towards the city of Pompeii. People were running around and jumping into the water to stay safe. The lava from the volcano was ruining our city, but there was nothing we could do.

I will never forget that awful day. We lost our home, but we also lost my uncle. We are all very sad about what happened. I will write more later.

Your friend,
Pliny



1. Pliny's dog didn't sleep before the earthquake.
2. The family was safe in the house.
3. Pliny's uncle met them on the ship.
4. There was lava in the city.
5. They lost their home but found their uncle.