Name _____ Date _____

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?