

MOUNT FUJI

Read the text and choose the correct word.

For the Japanese, Mount Fuji has long been the ultimate (0)_____ of beauty. It is incredibly beautiful when seen from any (1)_____, at all times of day and in any season. But the mountain does not only (2)_____ a major part in the landscape - it has also inspired poets and artists for centuries and has come to be (3)_____ with Japan itself. From the top, the sides of the mountain (4)_____ away, then flatten out before reaching the ground. Here, at ground (5)_____, the foot of the mountain (6)_____ an almost perfect circle.

To the north of Mountain Fuji (7)_____ the famous "Five Lakes". The lakeside area is a sea of color in spring, when the fruit trees are flowering, and it is also a stunning (8)_____ in autumn, when the leaves (9)_____ first brilliant red, then many shades of brown. (10)_____, many of the best views of Mount Fuji are from these lakes, whose still waters reflect the mountain's beautifully symmetrical outline like a mirror. Both Mount Fuji and its lakes are volcanic in (11)_____, and that is probably why traditional stories say that Mount Fuji appeared overnight; and, for the same reason, it may one day (12)_____ just as suddenly!

