

Writing: Organize Ideas by Cause and Effect

Read the paragraph. Then read each question and circle the correct answer.

(1) The Kilauea volcano erupted. (2) Smoke and ash filled the air. (3) Lava flowed out of the volcanic crater and down the side of the mountain. (4) The lava flowed across the land, destroying buildings and roads. (5) People and animals had to flee to safety. (6) Eventually, the lava reach the ocean. (7) The hot lava boiled the seawater and created huge clouds of steam. (8) The lava cooled and became black lava rock. (9) The black lava rock made the island bigger!

1. What is the best way to revise sentences 1 and 2?

- A Smoke and ash filled the air and the Kilauea volcano erupted.
- B The Kilauea volcano erupted, but smoke and ash filled the air.
- C The Kilauea volcano erupted, filling the air with smoke and ash.
- D Smoke and ash filled the air, but the Kilauea volcano erupted.

2. What change, if any, should be made in sentence 6?

- A Change *reach* to *reached*
- B Change *Eventually* to *First*
- C Remove the comma after *Eventually*
- D Make no change

3. What is the best way to revise sentences 8 and 9?

- A The lava cooled and became black lava rock, making the island bigger!
- B The island became bigger and the lava cooled and became black lava rock!
- C The cool lava made the island bigger with black lava rock!
- D No revision is needed.