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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?