Barbadians will always remember what happened on Saturday, April 10th, 2021, as they woke up to deeply overcast skies. This was the result of an eruption of the La Soufriere volcano on the neighbouring island of St. Vincent.

The ash was shot into the air by the volcano and blown across the Caribbean Sea to our little island. On that day, the ash covered almost every inch of the island. Residents, especially those with asthma and other respiratory disorders, were urged to stay indoors to protect themselves.

Persons were forced to close all windows and doors to reduce any contact with the falling ash. Motorists experienced reduced visibility as they navigated the islands' roads. This experience triggered memories of the volcano's last major eruption exactly 42 years ago.

Although residents in the northern parishes of the island (St. Lucy, St. Peter and St. Andrew) seemed to be affected the most by it, no one could escape the plumes of ash.

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The following questions are based on the passage you have just read. Read each question CAREFULLY and answer using complete sentences.

1. On what day did the ash fall begin?

2. Where is the La Soufriere volcano located?

3. Why was the ash falling in Barbados?

4. State the part of speech of the word "Caribbean".

5. In what year was the volcano's last eruption?

6. What does the phrase "reduced visibility" suggests?

7. Which part of the island was affected the worst by the ash fall?

8. Why do you think 'no one could escape the plumes of ash?"

9. What is a suitable title for the passage?

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