

Quick Check

The Eruption of Mount Shasta

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following occurs during the first earthquake?
 - Ⓐ books fall from the shelves
 - Ⓑ things bounce on the floor
 - Ⓒ a windowpane shatters
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Which sentence tells how Kyle and Justin are different?
 - Ⓐ Kyle likes to work hard in school, and Justin likes to daydream.
 - Ⓑ Kyle likes to be in the middle of the action while Justin would rather watch.
 - Ⓒ Kyle likes to eat pizza and soda while Justin would rather eat steak and potatoes.
 - Ⓓ Kyle likes to play computer games while Justin would rather play baseball outside.
3. Why does Oz feel left out during the earthquake?
 - Ⓐ Kyle locked him in his bedroom.
 - Ⓑ Janet told Oz to go lie down on his bed.
 - Ⓒ The family put him outside in the backyard.
 - Ⓓ Kyle's father pulled everyone but Oz into his arms.
4. What can you tell about Kyle's feeling for his pets?
 - Ⓐ He thinks they are fun to have around sometimes.
 - Ⓑ He would like to have different pets like a turtle or a fish.
 - Ⓒ He wishes his family could give them away to someone else.
 - Ⓓ His pets are very important to him, and he wants to make sure they are okay.

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5. What is an **avalanche**?
 - Ⓐ dirt, snow, or rocks falling down a hill
 - Ⓑ a run through a dust-filled forest
 - Ⓒ the feeling one has in a dangerous situation
 - Ⓓ one of the types of earthquakes that can hit California
6. The story says that *Oz must be **disoriented***; what does **disoriented** mean?
 - Ⓐ afraid
 - Ⓑ confused
 - Ⓒ ready to leave
 - Ⓓ ready to hide
7. Which of the following occurs before Mount Shasta erupts?
 - Ⓐ The top of the mountain glows red.
 - Ⓑ An avalanche of mud and water hits.
 - Ⓒ The ground shakes and rumbles.
 - Ⓓ There is a flash of lightning.
8. What do you think Oz will do if Mount Shasta ever explodes again?
 - Ⓐ run into the woods
 - Ⓑ chase Raven into a tree
 - Ⓒ stay with Kyle and his family
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. What causes Kyle to be trapped?
 - Ⓐ A rock rolls down the hill.
 - Ⓑ The earthquake breaks the house apart.
 - Ⓒ A tree falls because of the weight of the ash on its branches.
 - Ⓓ A fence crashes to the ground from the earthquake's force.
10. What is considered irony in this story?
 - Ⓐ that Raven has the name of a different bird
 - Ⓑ that Kyle's dog is hiding in the clubhouse to be safe
 - Ⓒ that the computer game Kyle is playing is about volcanoes erupting
 - Ⓓ that Kyle has to run into the ash cloud to find his pet dog and bird

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11. Extended Response: What does Kyle do that makes his family late while trying to escape the eruption of Mount Shasta and how does he finally get back?

12. Extended Response: What do you think would happen in the next chapter of this book?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
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5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
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7. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include: *Kyle cannot find his pet dog, Oz, or pet crow, Raven, so he breaks away from his family and runs looking for them. On his way back to the car, Kyle gets trapped by a fallen tree, tries to send Oz to get help, but instead Raven flies off and alerts his family to where Kyle is trapped.*
12. Answers will vary but would likely include: *Kyle and his family go back to their house, find it destroyed, and begin to clean up and rebuild their home.*