

Quick Check

Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis

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

- **1.** How is a tsunami different from an earthquake?
 - A tsunami is caused by an earthquake or volcano.
 - B A tsunami causes an earthquake.
 - ① A tsunami is measured on a Richter scale.
 - ① A tsunami doesn't cause any damage to property.
- 2. What does the Richter Scale measure?
 - (A) the strength of earthquakes
 - B the amount of magma released
 - (C) the time plates will move
 - ① all of the above

- **3.** Which of the following states a fact?
 - A Earthquakes aren't dangerous.
 - B Earthquakes are easy to predict.
 - © Volcanoes are less damaging than earthquakes.
 - ① The Earth is constantly changing.
- 4. What is magma?
 - A giant pieces of rock and soil that make up the surface of the Earth
 - B cracks in the surface of the Earth
 - © melted, liquid rock beneath Earth's crust
 - (D) enormous ocean waves

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- **5.** Why don't you see a tsunami in the middle of the ocean?
 - A It hasn't built up enough strength yet.
 - B It is deep but not high above the surface.
 - (C) It only happens near the shore.
 - (D) All of the above
- **6.** How are earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis alike?
 - All are caused by activity deep in the Earth.
 - B All cause a drop in the Earth's temperature.
 - (C) All give off poisonous gases.
 - ① All of the above
- 7. Which of the following could happen as a result of a volcanic eruption?
 - (A) landslides
 - (B) fires
 - © cooling of Earth's temperature
 - (D) all of the above

- **8.** Which of the following states an opinion?
 - (A) Tsunamis are the largest type of waves.
 - B Clouds of dust and ash rise into the air during a volcanic eruption.
 - © Underwater earthquakes cause the sea floor to move violently.
 - D Earthquakes are the most damaging natural disaster.
- **9.** Which word means cracks in the surface of the Earth usually around the edges of plates.
 - (A) plates
 - (B) faults
 - © mudslides
 - ① earthquakes



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- 10. What is the main idea of this book?
 - A One day, scientists will be able to warn people before earthquakes occur.
 - B Earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis are some of the most destructive forces of nature.
 - © Volcanic explosions can be so powerful that they can knock over entire forests.
 - D Even small tsunamis can destroy houses.
- **11. Extended Response:** In this book, a volcano was compared to a bottle of soda. Explain this comparison.
- **12. Extended Response:** How will the early predictions of volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis help people? Give two supporting ideas.



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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

- **1.** (A) Compare and Contrast
- 2. (A) Main Idea and Details
- **3.** ① Fact or Opinion
- **4.** ① *Vocabulary*
- **5.** (B) Cause and Effect
- **6.** A Compare and Contrast
- **7.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **8.** D Fact or Opinion
- **9. B** Vocabulary
- **10.** (B) Main Idea and Details
- 11. Answers should include the idea:

 A volcano is like a bottle of soda
 that has a plug in it. The magma
 pushes harder and harder against
 the plug. Finally, the plug blows
 off and the volcano explodes.
- 12. Answers will vary.