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

1. What caused the Grand Canyon to form?
  - Ⓐ water crashing down and creating a booming sound
  - Ⓑ two parts of Earth's crust colliding and rubbing against each other
  - Ⓒ lava shooting out from a central vent in the ground
  - Ⓓ the Colorado River eroding the rocks of the canyon
2. Why have scientists studied the Parícutín volcano more closely than many other volcanoes?
  - Ⓐ because they were able to observe its growth from the beginning
  - Ⓑ because many people were upset about its appearance
  - Ⓒ because it formed on a plateau in Mexico
  - Ⓓ because it is a cinder cone
3. Geologists visit the Grand Canyon so often because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ it is in Arizona
  - Ⓑ it is so large and deep
  - Ⓒ it has a kind of rare rock
  - Ⓓ its rock layers are so easy to study
4. Why did the people of Parícutín have to leave their village?
  - Ⓐ The cone grew so large that the slow-moving lava started to reach their town.
  - Ⓑ The Colorado River began flowing through their town and eroding the rock.
  - Ⓒ An earthquake caused the town's buildings to crumble.
  - Ⓓ The weather became too severe for the people to stay.
5. What are **glaciers**?
  - Ⓐ ice and compacted snow
  - Ⓑ long, narrow openings
  - Ⓒ small sea invertebrates
  - Ⓓ flowing rivers

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| <p>6. Why does Victoria Falls stay open late when there is a full moon?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ so visitors can see nocturnal animals</li> <li>Ⓑ so visitors can bungee jump in the dark</li> <li>Ⓒ so visitors can enjoy the rainbow that is made</li> <li>Ⓓ so visitors can go rafting in the moonlight</li> </ul> <p>7. Why would the “Look, But Don’t Touch!” sidebar be included in the “Great Barrier Reef” section?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ because visitors are not allowed to swim in the Great Barrier Reef</li> <li>Ⓑ because the Great Barrier Reef is alive and full of delicate creatures</li> <li>Ⓒ because all of the animals in the Great Barrier Reef are dangerous</li> <li>Ⓓ because Australia wants more people to visit the Great Barrier Reef</li> </ul> | <p>8. What is the Great Barrier Reef made of?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ volcanic rock</li> <li>Ⓑ old seaweed</li> <li>Ⓒ animal skeletons</li> <li>Ⓓ wild yak bones</li> </ul> <p>9. What are <b>gorges</b>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ long, narrow openings or cracks</li> <li>Ⓑ long, deep valleys surrounded by higher land</li> <li>Ⓒ large raised areas of flat land</li> <li>Ⓓ ice and compacted snow that move slowly downhill</li> </ul> |
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**10.** Which is the best summary statement for the “Great Barrier Reef” section?

- Ⓐ The Great Barrier Reef is found near Australia and is a chain of many reefs over 1,000 miles long.
- Ⓑ The fragile Great Barrier Reef, near Australia, is made from coral and shelters many sea animals.
- Ⓒ When snorkeling near the Great Barrier Reef, people need to be cautious so they do not damage the reef.
- Ⓓ Sea animals such as polyps, fish, turtles, and even endangered humpback whales can be found near the Great Barrier Reef.

**11. Extended Response:** Explain which name, Victoria Falls or Mosi-oa-Tunya, the author prefers and explain why.

**12. Extended Response:** What is one characteristic all of these natural wonders have in common? Use details from the book to explain your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Natural Wonders of the World

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
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3. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓐ Vocabulary
6. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary. Example: *I think the author prefers Mosi-oa-Tunya, which means smoke that thunders, because that name describes how the waterfall creates a loud noise like thunder and throws up a lot of mist that looks like smoke.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *All of the natural wonders in this book are landforms that have been created by nature, not humans. The Grand Canyon was created by the Colorado River eroding the rocks away. Parícutín was created by lava shooting out from a central vent in the ground. Victoria Falls was formed when a shallow crack in the rock appeared across the path of the Zambezi River and the river flowed over the rock. Mount Everest was formed when two parts of the Earth's crust collided and rubbed against each other. The Great Barrier Reef was formed as polyps died and left their skeletons behind. All of these natural wonders were created by nature.*