

Quick Check

A Landforms Adventure

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

1. The formation of a volcano is caused by _____.
 - Ⓐ two of Earth's plates joining together
 - Ⓑ drilling deep into Earth's surface
 - Ⓒ the buildup of hot, melted rock under Earth's surface
 - Ⓓ the breakdown of rock and soil by wind and water
2. This book is mostly about _____.
 - Ⓐ planning a fun road trip
 - Ⓑ landforms found in the United States
 - Ⓒ how to follow a road map
 - Ⓓ natural disasters
3. The author included the photos to show _____.
 - Ⓐ great places to stop on a road trip
 - Ⓑ the beauty of the United States
 - Ⓒ examples of landforms
 - Ⓓ what a great time she had on her summer vacation
4. _____ is a narrow strip of land connecting two larger landmasses.
 - Ⓐ A continent
 - Ⓑ A delta
 - Ⓒ A gorge
 - Ⓓ An isthmus
5. How are the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains similar?
 - Ⓐ They are surrounded by water.
 - Ⓑ They are both mountain ranges.
 - Ⓒ They were formed by movement in the Earth's plates.
 - Ⓓ They were formed by ancient volcanoes.

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6. What was the author's purpose in writing *A Landforms Adventure*?

- Ⓐ to inform the reader about different landforms
- Ⓑ to persuade the reader to take a road trip with his or her family
- Ⓒ to inform and persuade the reader that the United States is beautiful
- Ⓓ to inform the reader about the similarities and differences between landforms in different place in the world

7. What was the effect of two small plates beneath the Pacific Ocean sliding under the North American Plate?

- Ⓐ A volcano called Mount Rainier was formed.
- Ⓑ The Rocky Mountains were formed.
- Ⓒ The Great Plains were formed.
- Ⓓ The Wisconsin Dells was formed.

8. What happens right before pieces of rock and soil are carried away?

- Ⓐ Water, wind, and ice break down land.
- Ⓑ Plates in the Earth move.
- Ⓒ There is a forest fire.
- Ⓓ An earthquake occurs.

9. Changes to Earth's surface _____.

- Ⓐ can happen slowly or very quickly
- Ⓑ only happen very slowly
- Ⓒ only happen very quickly
- Ⓓ have never occurred since Earth was formed

10. **Erosion** is _____.

- Ⓐ exposure to natural forces
- Ⓑ a long piece of land mostly surrounded by water
- Ⓒ a main division of land on Earth
- Ⓓ the natural removal of rock or soil by wind, water, or ice

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11. Extended Response: What is the narrator's point of view about landforms found in the United States? Use details from the text to support your response.

12. Extended Response: What does the author mean by "puzzle pieces" of Earth's crust?

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Students should note that the narrator is very excited to learn about landforms because she is learning about them in school. Students should make reference to specific sentences that identify the narrator's point of view such as *I've seen some amazing landforms on this trip, and I've learned so much about how Earth's surface changes. I can't wait to tell Mr. Lopez about my summer vacation!*
12. Students should state that puzzle pieces of Earth's crust are the tectonic plates beneath Earth's surface. Students should note that the movement of these plates or pieces is one of the causes of various landforms.