



THE VILLAGE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
"We Nurture Dreams"

GRADE 5 – ENGLISH QUESTION BANK

CHAPTER 2 – VESUVIUS COMES ALIVE

A. Choose the correct answer.

1. Why did no one pay any attention to the old man when he warned them about the erupting volcano?

- a. The people thought that he was making a false prophecy.
- b. The people were used to such eruptions that took place from time to time.
- c. The people were busy selling their wares and had no time to listen to him

2. Don't listen to him. Let him say whatever he wants to". What was the result of not paying heed to the old man?

- a. The whole city was buried under the ash, mud and the debris from the volcano.
- b. They proved that the old man's prophecies were not true.
- c. They were able to sell all their wares for the day.

Answer

- 1. b
- 2. a

B. Write true or false

1. The old man was writing an important message for the people of Pompeii.
2. Whenever Mount Vesuvius rumbled, the people felt the tremors and went indoors.
3. All the traders in Pompeii carried out their business in the forum and the market got it buyers at the usual time.

Answer

1. False
2. False
3. True

C. Complete these sentences with the correct words from the brackets.

1. (This/These) stream has dried up because of the heat. Let's draw some water from (this/that) well over there.
2. We collected (these/this) pinecones from (those/the) forest behind our hotel.
3. Can you spot (the/these) decorations on (this/that) wall?

Answer

1. this, that
2. these, the
3. the, that

D. Read the line and answer the questions.

1. *“Someone brushed past him, but he did not move”*

- a. What emotion was the old man going through when someone brushed past him?
- b. Why was he experiencing this emotion?
- c. What did he do as soon as he could move?

2. *“All they did was to go indoors— as they always did when Vesuvius rumbled”*

- a. Why does the writer say that all they did was to go indoors?
- b. Why did they take the old man’s warnings lightly?
- c. Was it a mistake to go indoors? What did they not know?

Answer

1. a. The old man was frozen with fear.

b. He saw the first signs of the volcano, Mount Vesuvius erupting and knew that this would mean disaster for Pompeii.

c. He turned to the people and in a trembling voice told them that the volcano was stirring.

2. a. The people of Pompeii did not realise the severity of what was about to take place and so they went indoors and did not pay heed to the warnings.

b. They were used to quakes and tremors from time to time which stopped after a while. They thought that this was one such episode and so did not realise the impact of what was about to take place.

c. Yes, it was a mistake to go indoors. The narrator says that they did not realise that soon, every one of them would be buried under sixty feet of ash, mud and debris.

E. Answer in brief.

1. “The gods are angry again! This is just a matter of minutes,” and they went back to whatever they were doing. What does this tell you about the people of Pompeii?
2. Why did the woman with children call the old man and his wife into her house?

Answer

1. They believed that the quakes and tremors were caused because the God’s were angry about something. They did not realise that this was actually a volcanic eruption. They also seemed to be very casual as they were used to these happenings from time to time.
2. The woman did not realise that the old man and his wife were actually fleeing Pompeii. She was offering them shelter till the rumblings and spewing of the volcano was over.