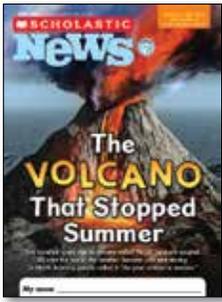


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Reading Checkpoint: The Volcano That Stopped Summer

Fill in each correct answer.

1. What is this article mostly about?

[main idea]

- (A) why volcanoes erupt
- (B) the invention of the bicycle
- (C) how the weather changed after a volcano erupted

2. When something erupts, it _____.

[vocabulary]

- (A) explodes
- (B) gets quiet
- (C) stops moving

3. After the volcano erupted, a big cloud kept light and heat from reaching Earth. What happened next?

[cause/effect]

- (A) Earth's temperature got warmer.
- (B) Earth's temperature got colder.
- (C) Farmers grew too many crops.

4. The author wrote, "There wasn't much food for people to buy, so the food that was left became really expensive. A lot of people didn't get enough to eat." What do you think she means by this?

[making inferences]

- (A) A lot of people didn't have enough money to buy food.
- (B) A lot of people threw their food out.
- (C) There was no food for anyone to buy.

5. A man invented the bicycle because _____.

[key details]

- (A) people didn't like horses anymore
- (B) people needed a way to get around that didn't cost a lot
- (C) there were no horses left in the U.S.