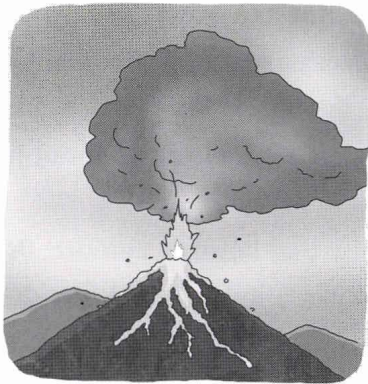


Questions 7-9 are about the following passage.



A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust that allows for substances below the earth to come up and escape. The Earth's crust sits on tectonic plates. These plates are like puzzle pieces. In the places where they are coming apart or moving toward each other, volcanoes are likely to form.

In the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the plates are moving away from each other, new crust needs to be formed to fill the gap. The creation of this crust creates pressure reduction and melts the mantle, resulting in volcanoes. Most people

don't know that most of this volcanic activity actually takes place in our oceans. The rest of it has resulted in the ridge rising above sea level on islands such as Iceland.

Some volcanoes are created where the plates come together. This is true in the Pacific Ring of Fire. The Pacific Ring of Fire is a horseshoe shape that borders the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Along this ring, in countries such as Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and New Zealand, many volcanoes have formed.

Question

7. What is the passage mostly about?

- (A) Volcanoes in Iceland
- (B) Mid-Atlantic volcanoes
- (C) Where volcanoes come from
- (D) Active, dormant, and extinct volcanoes

8. In line 4, the word they refers to _____.

- (A) plates
- (B) volcanoes
- (C) substances
- (D) puzzle pieces

9. In line 11, the word it refers to _____.

- (A) mantle melting
- (B) creation of crust
- (C) volcanic activity
- (D) pressure reduction

Question 1 is about the following school newspaper article.



1 Last week, an elephant was found in the halls of Lakeside Elementary School. This large animal probably came to the school after it escaped from the zoo.

One student believes that the elephant followed her back to school from a field trip her class took to the Lakeside Zoo two weeks ago. In an interview she said, “I felt like I really
5 bonded with an elephant at the zoo. I fed it lots of peanuts and candy. Right before we left, I looked in its eyes, and I knew that it would try to follow me.”

No one is sure that this is the same elephant that was seen that day, but the fact that the elephant came to Lakeside, of all places, has led many to believe the story.

The elephant was last seen using its trunk to drink water from the water fountain. It also
10 made loud noises in the hall that sounded like the school bell ringing. Principal Rodriguez and many teachers are confused and unhappy with this situation. They do not know how to get this elephant to leave the school.

Lakeside Elementary School students very much like having an elephant around. Many students have offered to take care of the elephant and it has been given the name “Lola.” A
15 petition will probably be passed around, asking that students sign if they want to keep Lola here instead of at the zoo.

Question

1. Why did the author write the article?

- (A) To talk about unhappy teachers
- (B) To complain about the elephant
- (C) To talk about Lola, the elephant
- (D) To explain why Lola should be sent back to the zoo