

Reading

- 1** Read the film review and choose the correct answer to the questions.

Dante's Peak, 1997 (director Roger Donaldson)

Saturday at 19.00 on MovieTime Channel

On a lovely summer day, the small town of Dante's Peak in the Cascade Mountains is celebrating. It has just received an award for being the second best place to live in the USA. Nobody is thinking of the nearby volcano, which hasn't been active for years.

The scientist Dr Harry Dalton (played by Pierce Brosnan) is sent to Dante's Peak to study the volcano. He finds dead plants and animals. He thinks the mountain is not a safe place to be for people, and he tries to get the local council to prepare an evacuation. But nobody listens to him. They are afraid businesspeople will not invest in the town if they think it is a dangerous place. Even Dalton's boss, Dr Paul Dreyfuss, is against him. The only person who believes him is the mayor of the town, Rachel Wando (Linda Hamilton), a single mother of two children.

Soon, the mountain begins to cause serious problems and the people in the town realise the big danger of the volcano. But it's too late. The volcano erupts. Day becomes night; air turns

to fire; buildings fall; people panic as they run for their lives through the ash and dust. Harry and Rachel discover that Rachel's children have gone up the mountain to try and save their grandmother. They follow them. Fighting against the volcano, Harry, Rachel, and the children are the only people left in the destroyed town, and that's not the end – the second eruption is still to come.

If you've seen one disaster movie, you've seen them all. You can guess who will die and who will live and of course who will fall in love. But the action is fast and the special effects are still fun to watch after ten years. Okay, if you look carefully, you can see that the cars on the falling bridge are models with no drivers inside. But you'd never know the volcanic ash is really little bits of newspaper! The ground shakes, red hot rocks come down from the sky, and there are lots of deep low sound effects. A good way to spend a Saturday evening.

- 1 At the beginning of the movie, people in Dante's Peak are
 - a surprised by the good weather.
 - b afraid of the volcano.
 - c happy because they've won a prize.
 - d very active.
- 2 The people in the town don't listen to Dr Dalton because
 - a the volcano is not active.
 - b a dangerous volcano would be bad for business.
 - c his boss doesn't agree with him.
 - d they are enjoying the party.
- 3 Rachel's children are not at home because
 - a they've gone to play with their grandmother.
 - b they've gone out to look at the mountain.
 - c they have run away in panic.
 - d they are trying to save someone.
- 4 After Rachel and Harry find the children
 - a there is a happy ending.
 - b the town is destroyed.
 - c they have to face more danger.
 - d day becomes night.
- 5 The writer thinks the story is
 - a boring and not much fun.
 - b easy to predict but entertaining.
 - c very romantic but not fun to watch.
 - d terrifying but fun to watch.
- 6 On the whole, what is the writer's opinion of the film?
 - a He thinks the special effects are all old and boring.
 - b He likes the sound effects best.
 - c He would like it better if the heroes didn't fall in love.
 - d He recommends it as weekend entertainment.

2.

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use one to three words.

- 1 I found the news surprising.
I was surprised by the news.
- 2 The doctor said to Tom, 'You should eat more fruit.'
The doctor advised _____ more fruit .
- 3 The teacher asked Mike to prepare a presentation.
Mike _____ the teacher to prepare a presentation.
- 4 Matt's car is faster than Jeremy's.
Jeremy's car is not _____ Matt's.
- 5 It last rained a month ago.
It _____ for a month.

- 6 'Could you please move your car?' the police officer said to Mary.
The police officer asked _____ her car.
- 7 You don't get good results because you don't study hard.
If you _____, you would get good results.
- 8 They have opened a new club in our area.
A new club _____ in our area.
- 9 Kitty thought the film was disappointing.
Kitty was _____ the film.
- 10 The guide said to the tourists, 'Don't make a noise!'
The guide told the tourists _____ a noise.

3.

Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Dove Cottage

Grasmere is ¹ a little village in the Lake District, in the north of England. ² _____ you go there, don't forget to visit Dove Cottage, the charming little house ³ _____ the poet William Wordsworth lived in the 19th century with ⁴ _____ sister, Dorothy. William wrote poems and Dorothy wrote a diary ⁵ _____ tells us a lot about their life. It was much slower and more peaceful ⁶ _____ life in the 21st century. William and Dorothy used ⁷ _____ go for long walks around the lakes and write long letters to their friends. While William ⁸ _____ writing, Dorothy worked in the garden. They ⁹ _____ regularly visited by their friend, the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Today, the cottage is ¹⁰ _____ museum and Dorothy's garden is as beautiful as it was when she looked after it.

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