

# The Fire Monster

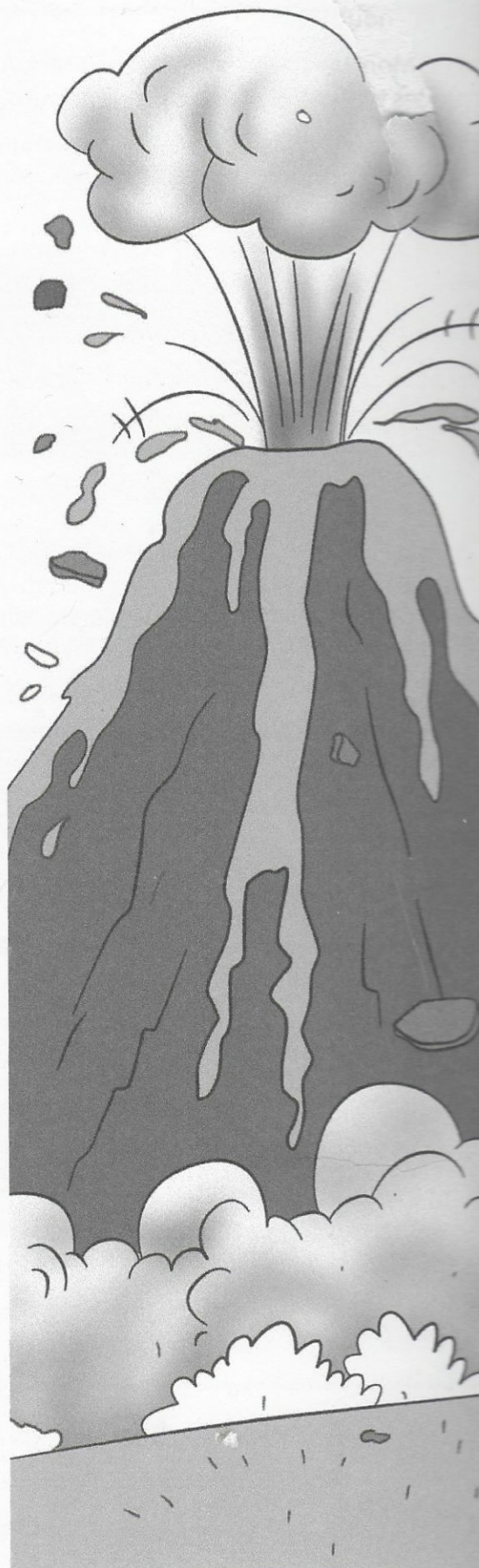
Deep in the boiling belly  
Of the volcano  
The Fire Monster sleeps:  
Wisps of smoke from his nostrils  
Squeeze through cracks  
In the crater's mouth.

Deep in the boiling belly  
Of the volcano  
The Fire Monster stirs:  
Bubbles of lava from his lips  
Foam through crevices  
And simmer beneath the surface.

Deep in the boiling belly  
Of the volcano  
The Fire Monster wakes:  
Jets of lava gush from his throat,  
Squirting through fissures,  
Bursting the crater's dam.

Deep in the boiling belly  
Of the volcano  
The Fire Monster roars:  
Huge chunks of rock spit from his mouth.  
Red torrents of lava shoot into the sky.  
Then stream down the crater's sides.

In the village in the valley,  
The watchers wait  
For the Fire Monster's anger to abate.



Name: ..... Class: ..... Date: .....

**1** Where does the Fire Monster sleep? Tick **one**.

☐ in a crater      ☐ in the village      ☐ in a volcano

**2** Circle the correct option to complete each sentence below.

The poem begins with the Fire Monster .....

squeezing      sleeping      boiling

Chunks of rock spit from the Fire Monster's .....

nostrils      lips      throat      mouth

**3** Find and copy a phrase that shows the Fire Monster behaves like a person.

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**4** In the third verse, what does the word “gush” suggest about the jets of lava?

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**5** What colour is the lava?

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**6** Which of these words best describe the Fire Monster? Tick **one**.

☐ sleepy      ☐ fierce      ☐ noisy

**7** Where do the watchers wait?

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**8** How do you think the watchers are feeling at the end of the poem?

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**9** Tick **one** statement that summarises the way the poem is organised.

☐ Each verse describes how the volcano becomes angrier as it erupts.

☐ Each verse describes how the volcano becomes louder as it erupts.

☐ Each verse describes how the volcano becomes quieter as it erupts.

**10** Which of these best describe what the poem is about? Tick **one**.

☐ The view of the volcano from the village.

☐ The way a volcano erupts.

☐ The feelings of the people watching the volcano.