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The Last Day

Jonathan: Listen to my next riddle. I'm thinking of a certain place. Something horrible happened there a long time ago.

Maya: Is it a country or a city?

Jonathan: It used to be a city.

Maya: Do you mean that it doesn't exist anymore?

Jonathan: It's hard to explain. You can say that it exists and doesn't exist.

Maya: I don't understand. You must give me a clue.

Jonathan: Alright, I will give you one. It is a place where time has frozen. The city was ruined by a volcano: the people, the animals, the buildings and the streets were all covered in lava.

Maya: Is it an archeological site?

Jonathan: That's exactly what it is – an archeological site.

Maya: Is it Pompeii?

Jonathan: HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

certain	מסוים	ruined	נהרב
horrible	נוראי	volcano	הר געש
exist	קיים	exactly	בדיוק

Maya: I read about it in an article in a National Geographic Magazine. It was called "The Last Day of Pompeii". I learned how the people of Pompeii 'froze', so to speak, in their last move and breath.

Jonathan: Maya, you know so much. I'm impressed!

Maya: You should be. I'm *good*.



article	מאמר
breath	נשימה
impressed	להתרשם

A. Answer the following questions.

1. What does the title "The Last Day" refer to?

2. How was the city of Pompeii ruined?

3. Describe this archeological site.

4. How did Maya guess the riddle?

B. True or False.

1. A **volcano** is a natural disaster.

true false

2. We have to **breathe** in order to live.

true false

3. **Horrible** is the opposite of terrible.

true false

4. In an **archeological** site, we can find modern objects.

true false

5. **Lava** is the hot liquid coming out of a volcano.

true false

C. Match the two parts of the sentence.

1. Maya read about Pompeii

was ruined by a volcano.

2. Something horrible

in a magazine.

3. The city of Pompeii

were covered in lava.

4. The buildings and streets

in their last move and breath.

5. The people froze

happened there.

D. Find the correct synonym in the story.

roads _____

terrible _____

named _____

journal _____

specific _____

place _____

state _____

destroyed _____