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A a pot of stew

B rotting rocks

C the pot of fire

D rotten eggs

2. How was Surtsey formed?

A A volcano erupted.

B Birds dropped plants.

C The sky rained rocks.

D The Icelandic god.

3. Why is it important to study Surtsey?

A Underwater volcanoes are common.

B Scientists can learn about how life comes to an empty island.

C Humans are not allowed to go there.

D Scientists have to study it.

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5. What is the likely reason the scientists named the new island Surtsey?

A The island has many volcanoes.

B The island began to grow.

C The island gets its name from the god of fire.

D The island was the perfect place to study.

6. What is the main reason scientists study Surtsey?

A They would hunt for animals that live there.

B They would change the island.

C They would be in charge of the island.

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- Ⓑ raining rocks
- Ⓒ the god of fire
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- Ⓒ The sky rained rocks until it was formed.
- Ⓓ The Icelandic god of fire created it.

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3. Why is it important to study Surtsey?

- Ⓐ Underwater volcanoes have never erupted before.
- Ⓑ Scientists can learn how plants and animals spread to new places.
- Ⓒ Humans are not allowed to go there.
- Ⓓ Scientists have never studied a volcanic island before.

4. When the crew first visited the new island?

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- Ⓒ excited
- Ⓓ upset



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5. Why were humans not allowed on the island?

- Ⓐ The island gets extremely hot in the summer.
- Ⓑ The island was made by an erupting volcano.


6. What is the main reason humans are not allowed on the island?

- Ⓐ They would hunt the animals that live there.
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- Scientists have

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- The island began as a pile of rocks.
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