Compare Texts

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Text 2: Scientists keep a close watch on the volcanoes of Hawaii. They put tools on the mountains that feel the ground shake. They also measure whether the ground is swelling up like a balloon. Both signs can mean magma is rising inside. When an eruption seems close, the scientists warn people who live nearby. Families can then leave before lava reaches their roads and homes. Lava moves slowly, so people usually have time to get away. After the lava cools, the volcano has made brand-new land. At first it is bare black rock. In a few years, ferns begin to sprout in its cracks.

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4. Which text tells you how scientists know magma is rising?
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