Compare Texts

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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Two Texts About the Volcanoes of Hawaii

Text 1: Deep under the ground, it is hot enough to melt rock. This melted rock is called magma. Sometimes magma pushes up through a crack in the ground. When it flows out, it is called lava. Over many years, layers of cooled lava pile up into a mountain. That mountain is a volcano. The islands of Hawaii were built this way. Each one began as a volcano on the ocean floor. Lava piled up, layer after layer, until the top rose above the waves. Some Hawaiian volcanoes still erupt today. Hot lava creeps down their sides and slowly cools into black rock. That is why the biggest island keeps getting a little bigger.

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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   neither text Text 2 both texts

2. How are the two texts different?
   Text 1 tells how scientists keep people safe, and Text 2 explains how the islands formed.
   Text 1 says the volcanoes are quiet now, and Text 2 says they still erupt.
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3. Which text would help you answer "Why do families sometimes leave homes near a volcano?"
   Text 2, because it tells about the scientists' warnings
   Text 1, because it says some volcanoes still erupt
   Text 2, because it tells about ferns in the cracks

4. Using both texts, why do scientists watch for rising magma?
   Rising magma means an eruption is over.
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