READING CHECK

Tick the correct answers.

a Why do Petrus and Bassus stay on the beach at Herculaneum?
1. [ ] Because Petrus can’t swim.
2. [X] Because Bassus can’t walk.
3. [ ] Because Rectina tells them to wait there.

b Why does Agathe go with Festus and Rectina?
1. [ ] Because Petrus tells her to.
2. [ ] Because Rectina orders her to.
3. [X] Because Bassus asks her to.

c Where do Festus find the small boat?
1. [X] In the garden of his house.
2. [ ] On the beach.
3. [ ] In the port.

d What happens to Festus and Rectina?
1. [X] They want to swim to Stabiae.
2. [X] Agathe pushes them out of the boat.
3. [ ] They fall out into the sea.

e What happens to Gaius Plinius on the beach at Stabiae?
1. [ ] He sails his ships away.
2. [X] He sleeps inside one of his ships.
3. [ ] He dies on the beach because he can’t breathe.

f What has happened to Pompeii when Felix wakes up on the ship?
1. [X] It has disappeared under stones and ash.
2. [ ] It has disappeared into the sea.
3. [ ] All the people there have escaped to the beaches.

g What does a sailor see coming towards the ships?
1. [X] A huge wave.
2. [X] A cloud of smoke and ash.
3. [ ] A small silver boat.

WORD WORK

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words above the volcano.

a We looked round the pretty little gratta ...in the garden.
b I’m too ill to go out. I’ve got a cold and a bad ............
c There was no wind, so our boat ............ into the port.
d The two brothers ............ when they met after twenty years.
e ............ fell from her eyes as she watched the film’s sad ending.
f What time does the sun ............ in the morning?
g It’s a soldier’s ............ to fight for his or her country.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in Chapter 10? Match the phrases to make sentences.

a The sailors
b Felix and Agathe
c Alexandre
d Felix
e Flavia and Alexandre

1 becomes
2 like
3 find Agathe
4 get married
5 is at Spurius’s house

i Spurius’s business partner
ii and have children
iii in the rowing boat
iv in Rome
v each other.