



Dante's Peak

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Chapters 1–6

While reading

1 Read the Introduction to the book again and answer these questions.

- a Does Harry think the old volcano is dangerous? Why?
- b What is Harry's problem with his boss?
- c Did the story in *Dante's Peak* really happen? What do you know about this?

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Rachel Wando is the mayor of Dante's Peak.
- b Elliot Blair is on holiday in Dante's Peak.
- c Harry's girlfriend died in a volcanic eruption.
- d Graham is Rachel's brother.
- e A journalist writes that Dante's Peak is the best town in America.
- f Sherriff Turner finds the dead animals in the water.

3 Harry's girlfriend died in a volcanic eruption.

How do you think he felt after this? Write down as many words as you can to describe how he felt. Then work with another student and see how many you have altogether. When you have done this, look up each word in a synonym dictionary. Write down words from the dictionary that has a similar meaning to your words.

4 What does Karen Narlington write about Dante's Peak in her newspaper story *The Second Best Town in America*? Write her story.

5 Underline the right words in *italics*.

- a Ruth thinks that Harry is Rachel's *friend* / *boyfriend*.
- b People came to Dante's Peak from the United States Volcano Office in *1990* / *1980*.
- c Ruth thinks the trees are dying because of the *bad winter* / *acid*.
- d Harry thinks Rachel and Ruth *are good friends* / *don't like each other*.
- e *Lauren* / *Ruth* finds two dead animals.
- f Harry sees two *dead trees* / *dead people* in the water.

6 Talk to another student. What do you know about ...

- a Elliot Blair and his plans for Dante's Peak?
- b Terry's robot?

c Paul Dreyfus and what he thinks about the situation?

7 Write down how Rachel feels differently about Harry after their dinner together.

Chapters 7–9

8 Write the words from the box in the right sentence.

dangerous	equipment	helicopter	explode
	hospital	acid	

- a Harry started getting the out of the car.
- b Some men from the carried the swimmers away.
- c Harry and Rachel tell the others about the swimmers and the in the lake.
- d The volcano is starting to be again.
- e Paul doesn't think the volcano is going to
- f Harry and Terry couldn't see under the

9 Who says these things? Who are they talking to?

- a 'Do you want to come to dinner tonight? I want to say thank you.'
..... to
- b 'Volcanoes are very dangerous. People must know that.'
..... to
- c 'We can't get inside volcanoes, but my little robots can.'
..... to
- d 'I know it's a little town. I know it's not important. But I love it here. It's my home.'
..... to
- e 'Our equipment shows that every day there are between twenty-five and seventy-five earthquakes.'
..... to

10 Discuss the following with another student.

Imagine you are Rachel. Think about what you know about the mountain. Do you think it is a good idea to talk to the people of the town about the mountain? Will you tell the businessmen everything you know? You need to think about what is best for the town because you are mayor.



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Chapters 10–13

- 11 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
- a Graham goes by car to find Ruth.
 - b Paul still doesn't think the mountain is going to explode.
 - c The lava flows into Ruth's house and over some cars.
 - d Graham jumps out of the boat and into the acid water.
 - e Roughly runs and jumps into the car.
- 12 Underline the right word in *italics*.
- a When Harry, Rachel and the children drive into Dante's Peak they are *happy / sad*.
 - b Harry knows that they must get into the *ground / river*.
 - c They can't get *into / out* of the mine.
 - d They are in the mine for two *weeks / days*.
 - e The end of the story is *sad / happy* for Harry and Rachel
- 13 Put the story in the right order. What happens first? What happens next? Write the numbers 1–6.
- a Rachel, Harry and the children drive into the mine.
 - b Rachel, Harry and the children drive down into Dante's Peak.
 - c Harry goes back for the radio.
 - d Hot ash and rocks start to fall.
 - e Rachel, Harry and the children are rescued.
 - f Harry forgets the radio.
- 14 Write a sentence for each word:
- a mine
 - b lava
 - c scientist
 - d equipment
- 15 Discuss with another student which people in the story lose family or friends. How does that change them, do you think?
- 16 Have the following conversation with another student. Student A is Rachel. Student B is Graham. Student C is Lauren. Harry goes to get his radio and he doesn't come back. Rachel and her children are alone in the mine. They discuss what to do, where Harry is, and what has happened to him. Remember: Graham knows the mine well, but Lauren is scared. Have the conversation.

After reading

- 17 Imagine you are one of the children. Write to a friend telling them about your adventure. Try and make your letter as exciting as possible. Use interesting adjectives if you can.
- 18 Talk with another student about Graham, Rachel, Ruth, Lauren and Harry. Who or what is most important to each of them? What is most important to Blair, Worrell and Hutcherson?
- 19 Imagine you are Rachel. Write a letter to your husband, who left you. Tell him about his mother, Ruth, and what happened on the mountain and in the lake. How does Rachel feel about Ruth?
- 20 Write the correct word from the box.
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|------|---------|--------|--------|
| came | started | stood | looked |
| | broke | flowed | |
- a Then the lava the window and flowed into the house.
 - b The lava to Ruth's house.
 - c It round to the left and to the right.
 - d It flowed round to the front of the house. The cars there.
 - e Fire to climb up the outside of the house.
 - f Harry out of the back window of the house and saw the lava.
- 21 Write about Paul Dreyfus and Harry Dalton for the United States Volcano Office. What lessons can the scientists learn from these two men's ideas about the volcano at Dante's Peak. Did Paul make mistakes? Did Harry?
- 22 Do some research on Mount St Helen's and Pompeii and see what you can find out about these places. Can you find any before and after pictures? Do you know how scientists know when a volcano will explode? Do some research and find out how they know.
- 23 Write a conversation between Graham and Lauren the day after they come out of the mountain. What are they sad about and what are they happy about? What are their problems now? What do they think about their future and the future of Dante's Peak?
- 24 Write the next chapter of the book. What will happen? Will everything go well or will something else go wrong in their lives?



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Introduction and Chapter 1

1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Dante's Peak is a story about a volcano.
- b Harry Dalton is Paul Dreyfus's boss.
- c The story is similar to a real volcanic eruption that happened in 1980.
- d In the eruption of Mount St Helen's, 300 people died.
- e Rachel Wando is a scientist.

Chapters 2-3

2 Choose the right word from the box to complete the sentences. There are extra words.

second mountain exploded lake
equipment mine earthquake erupted tree

- a We all remember 1980 when Mount St Helen's
- b He put some in the back of his off-road car and drove to Washington.
- c She thinks that Dante's Peak is the best town in America.
- d Suddenly there was a small Now the woman was afraid.
- e Hot gas into the lake.
- f 'That is dangerous. Rocks can fall. You mustn't go in there. How many times do I have to tell you?'

Chapters 4-5

3 Match the questions (a-d) with the answers (1-4).

- a Who is Ruth? ...
- b What is Harry's equipment for? ...
- c When was the last time the volcano exploded? ...
- d Why must the people not tell Elliot Blair about the volcano? ...
 - 1 It was 7000 years ago.
 - 2 He won't bring lots of money to Dante's Peak and build a holiday centre.
 - 3 She's my husband's mother.
 - 4 It will answer the question: How much acid is there in the lake?

Chapters 6-7

4 Finish the sentences.

- a Paul wants Harry to leave town because
- b Rachel and her husband are not married now because.....

- c The robot can.....
- d Terry broke his leg because

Chapters 8-10

5 Choose the right word from the box to complete the conversation.

moving didn't lost don't listen

- a 'But the mountain explode,' Paul said.
- b 'No Paul,, ' Harry said.
- c 'I think the lava is up nearer to the ground. The ground is too warm up there.'
- d 'No, you listen, Harry,' said Paul angrily. You Marianne. Now you're always afraid.'
- e 'I want people in Dante's Peak to be afraid because you lost her.'

6 Underline the right word in italics.

- a Nancy is *Harry's girlfriend / a scientist / the mayor*.
- b Terry looks after the *money / café / robot*.
- c Paul and *Greg / Harry / Rachel* have a fight.
- d *Stan / Rachel / Paul* doesn't often go on holiday.
- e Elliot Blair wants to put *eleven / eighteen / sixteen* million dollars into Dante's Peak.

Chapters 11-13

7 Match the words in A to their meanings in B by drawing a line.

- | A | B |
|-------------|---|
| a eruption | 1 a very large hill |
| b dangerous | 2 someone who studies nature or things in the world |
| c equipment | 3 to blow up into lots of pieces |
| d mountain | 4 the things you need to do a job |
| e explode | 5 something that can hurt you |
| f scientist | 6 an exploding mountain |

8 There is a mistake in each sentence. Correct it.

- a Harry thinks the mountain will not explode.
- b Roughy cannot jump into the car.
- c Ruth walks in the lake and lives.
- d There isn't any food and drink in the mine.
- e Harry thinks they are all going to die in the mountain.