

Escape from Pompeii

V I **P** E R S

1. Look at front cover. What do you think this book will be about?
2. Find **2 pieces** of evidence from the cover which help you come to that conclusion (2 marks).
3. Read the blurb. Do you think that Tranio and Livia make it out of Pompeii alive?
Circle your answer:

Yes

no

don't know

4. Explain your choice fully using evidence from the cover and the blurb to help you.

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1. Page 1 – Find and copy a phrase which suggests Pompeii wasn't a small town.
2. Page 1 – Circle the word which is a synonym for looming:

Looking

shaking

visible

small

3. Page 1 – “They called it Vesuvius, **the Gentle Mountain.**” What does this suggest about what the people of Pompeii thought about the Vesuvius?
4. Page 1 – Use a dictionary to find the definition of ‘haggling’.
5. Page 6 – what do you think a ‘forum’ is? What evidence from the texts helps you to conclude this?
6. Page 10 – Find and copy a phrase which suggests Tranio was really enjoying what he was seeing.
7. Page 11 – Find and copy the word which means the same as shook.
8. Page 11 – Find and copy the phrase which shows Tranio’s father was scared at first.

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1. Page 3 - What items were Pompeii know for trading?
2. Page 6 – “...there had been a big earthquake”. What other evidence from the text suggests the earthquake had been quite substantial?
3. Page 7 – Name 3 things Livia and Tranio would do to keep them entertained.
4. Page 10 – why did Dion want Travio to watch him rehearse?
5. Page 10 – Tick 3 activities which were being rehearsed in the theatre.

	Strutting clowns		Dancing princesses
	Tap dancers		Leaping acrobats
	Sword fights		Jumping jesters

6. Page 11 – Why did Tranio’s father and the other actors not worry straight away?
7. Page 11 – True or False? Tranio relaxed and carried on watching the rehearsal.

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1. Page 3 – Find and copy the phrase/sentence which suggest Tranio should not have been at the harbour.
2. Page 7 – After reading this page, what could you say about Pompeii and things to do there?
3. Page 10 – “But eventually his attention began to wander.” What does this suggest about what was happening?
4. Page 11 – What do you think is happening here? What evidence from this page and previous pages suggests that? (2 marks)