

Escape from Pompeii – Comprehension and word finding questions for
pg 4, 5 and 6 – the disaster scene (the pages are not numbered but
count the title page as page 1 and then you can find the right pages!)

1. Find two examples of onomatopoeia (words that describe a sound) that describe the noises Tranio hears when his attention first started to wander.
2. What three things were people doing when Tranio arrives at Livia's house that shows they were in a panic?
3. Which word tells you that the oven at the bakery was hot?
4. What word is used to describe the noise the donkey made?
5. Which powerful verb tells you that Livia's goat ran away?
6. Which adjective tells you that the streets are dirty?
7. Why do you think that the seagulls flew towards the woods rather than the sea?
8. Which adjective tells you that the captain was nervous?
9. In the paragraph that begins "And then, in one terrible endless moment..." there is a fantastic example of personification (when the

writer makes a non-living thing seem like it is real and human). Can you find it?

10. Find three powerful verbs in the paragraph after this one beginning "Lightening..."

Well done! Many of the answers you have can be used tomorrow when we describe our own action-packed disaster!

ANSWERS BELOW – NO PEEKING!

ANSWERS:

1. "Creaked" and "rattle" are two examples of onomatopoeia.
2. The three things people were doing that show they were in a panic were shouting, arguing and carrying belongings to safety.
3. The word is "blazed".
4. The word used to describe the noise the donkey made is "brayed".
5. The powerful verb is "bolted".
6. The word "dusty" tell the reader that the streets were dirty.
7. The seagulls flew towards the woods because they could sense that danger was coming.
8. The adjective that shows the captain was nervous is "anxious".
9. The example of personification is "It's top exploded in a scream".
10. Three powerful verbs would be "flashed", "roared" and "flowed".