1. The village was in danger. People were leaving as fast as they could. They were scared. The volcano had been rumbling for days. If it erupted it would destroy their homes and crops. There was nothing they could do. They hoped their village would be spared.

2. We can’t swim in the lake this year. The lake has always been a good place to swim. It has a nice beach. The water isn’t too cold. This year it is different. Something has polluted the lake. It is not safe to swim there.

3. It’s not wise to listen to loud music. First, it bothers some people. Second, it’s hard to understand the words. The main reason is that listening to loud music is not safe because it can damage your ears. When you’re older you may not hear well.

4. Andre was putting together a bike for his younger brother. It wasn’t going well. The directions were easy to read, and they made sense. The problem was that some of the parts were missing. He would have to take the bike back to the store.

5. Lola and her family come to the beach often. They arrive at low tide. They don’t swim. They don’t look for shells. They bring buckets and small shovels. They dig in the sand at the water’s edge. They dig for clams. Steamed clams taste wonderful!
1. What caused danger in the village?
   (A) The crops were destroyed.
   (B) The volcano might erupt.
   (C) The people had to leave.

2. What effect does pollution have on the lake?
   (A) The water is too cold.
   (B) The lake is a good place to swim.
   (C) No one can swim in the lake.

3. Listening to loud music is not safe mainly because
   (A) it may damage your ears.
   (B) it bothers some people.
   (C) it’s hard to understand the words.

4. What caused Andre to return the bike to the store?
   (A) He couldn’t find the directions.
   (B) Some of the parts were missing.
   (C) The directions didn’t make sense.

5. Lola and her family come to the beach at low tide because
   (A) they dig for clams.
   (B) they want to swim.
   (C) they look for shells.