

# Island

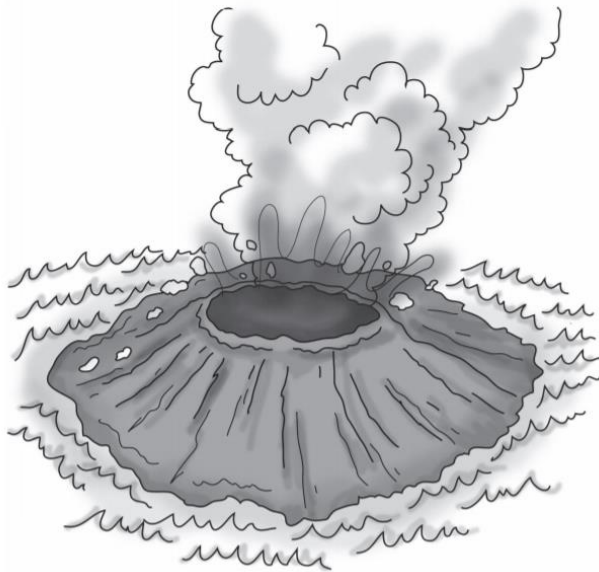
Stanley Cook

Firing molten rock at the sky  
And shrugging water off, the island-to-be  
Rises steaming from the sea  
Whose waters quench its volcanic sides.

Rising mountainous from the depths,  
It takes its place with continents,  
Though only a speck by comparison,  
Above the tides and on the maps.

A part of the world has been rebuilt,  
A staging post for birds to visit  
And simple plants to inhabit  
Once the years weather and cool it.

The forging from the earth's hot core  
Settles into its final shape:  
People will find it a name;  
Someone one day will put ashore.



- 1 Look at the first verse.

What do the words "*Firing molten rock at the sky*" tell you about the island?

2d

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1 mark

- 2 Why is the new island "*steaming*"?

2a

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1 mark

- 3 The poet describes the island as "*Rising mountainous from the depths*". This makes it sound big and impressive.

What else do you learn about the size of the island in the same verse?

2d

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1 mark

- 4 In verse 3, the term "*staging post*" is closest in meaning to which of the following? Tick **one**.

a place to build a nest ☐

a pole for perching on ☐

a special nesting box ☐

a stopover place ☐

2a

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1 mark

- 5 Look at the verse beginning "*A part of the world*".

**Find and copy** the word that means *make it smoother*.

2a

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1 mark

- 6 In the final verse, the poet uses the word "*forging*" to describe the island.

List **two** impressions this word gives you about the island, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

2g

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3 marks

- 7 In the first verse, the island is said to rise from the sea.

**Find and copy two** other places the poet describes the island as coming from.

2b

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2 marks

- 8 Number the following sentences from **1** to **5** to show the order in which they happen to the island.

The first one has been done for you.

It rises from the sea.

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People will land on it.

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People will name it.

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Plants will grow on it.

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Time will cool it.

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2c

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1 mark

- 9 **Find and copy** evidence from the first verse that there is not yet an island.

2a

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1 mark