

Pre-reading Tasks

Underline names:



Forum = town square



Vesuvius = volcano

Morph Key

struct = build / put together

re- = back/again → reconstruct = build back

de- = down/remove → destruction = breaking down

ob- = in the way → obstruct = block

-or = person who does → instruct-or



Reading Brief:

L2

Ash on the Forum - Bureau Record - 79CE

From the temple steps we saw a dark column rising over Mount Vesuvius. The ground shuddered; dry ash began to fall, turning the Forum grey. A collapsed beam **obstructed** the route to the bakery and people hesitated by the fountain.

“Hold the line,” said the **instructor**. “We’ll **reconstruct** a safe walkway.”

Gaius unrolled a sketch. “If we **construct** two braces against this arch, the roof won’t collapse.”

Together they dragged planks into place. The first brace shuddered, then held.

“Good,” the **instructor** said. “Now **restructure** the path, left of the fountain, so families can pass.”

Step by careful step, the citizens moved. Behind them, an old market stall cracked. The sound of **destruction** echoed, but the new walkway held and the line began to move.

Tasks



1. Locate: Underline one place clue that proves where we are.



2. Evidence: Highlight 3–6 words that show the eruption is happening now.



3. Reason: In 7–10 words, say why they must reconstruct the walkway “to ... so ...”



4. Morph pick: Circle one **struct** word. Write a 5–8 word, meaning using your grey margin notes.



5. Sequence: Number these in the order they happen 1–4:

- brace holds
- beam blocks route
- citizens move
- plan shown



6. Inference: Why left of the fountain? Tick two best reasons:

- more space
- safer ground
- closer to bakery
- already repaired

