

Level 5. Monster Machines

Alpha Readers

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A Write the word that best completes each sentence.

mine explosive harvest invent expensive foundation transport

1. Explosives are put into the holes to blow the rock into smaller pieces.
2. Before tractors were invented, farmers used horses or cattle to help with the farm work.
3. After the rock is dug out of the mine it is taken to a processing plant.
4. These machines can harvest crops in a very short time. They cut tops off the plants and remove the seeds.
5. Before the building starts, a deep hole is dug for the foundation.
6. Road trains transport things such as livestock, mining materials, grain, and sugar
7. Moving small loads from place to place can be very expensive.

B Cross out the word that is NOT the synonym of the first word.

huge	giant	different	enormous
powerful	careful	strong	forceful
important	heavy	crucial	significant
remove	eliminate	get rid of	deliver
build	make	construct	travel
soil	dirt	wheat	earth

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

once to apart down into as

1. Large machines are used in different places such as farms, mines, and building sites.
2. Freight trains can carry many different things at once.
3. Tractors have the power of up to 300 horses.
4. Giant machines help to knock down the building and take the rubble away.
5. When the building is finished, the cranes are taken apart to get them down.
6. Miners dig deep into the ground to find different types of mineral and metals.

D Combine two sentences using so....that pattern.

You can use **so.....that** pattern when you want to make the meaning of an adjective stronger,

Ex. I was tired. + I fell asleep in the chair.

→ I was **so** tired **that** I fell asleep in the chair.

1. I was surprised. + I didn't know what to say.
→ I was so surprised that I didn't know what to say.
2. It is old. + It can be broken easily.
→ It is so old that it can be broken easily.
3. The music was loud. + You could hear it from miles away.
→ The music was so loud that you could hear it from miles away.
4. It was hot. + We spent the whole day indoors.
→ It was so hot that we spent the whole day indoors.

A Answer the following questions.

1. Why can the large machines be called monster machines?
 - a) because they can destroy everything
 - b) because they look so scary
 - ☒ c) because they are so big and strong
2. What machines are used for farming?
 - ☒ a) tractors and harvest machines
 - b) mining machines and cranes
 - c) Freight trains and road trains
3. What is NOT true about road trains?
 - a) They are the longest trucks used anywhere in the world.
 - b) They travel long distances on the roads.
 - ☒ c) They must travel to a timetable.
4. What do miners NOT use for mining?
 - a) large and strong drills to make holes in the rock
 - ☒ b) freight trains to carry the large loads of heavy rock
 - c) dredgers to dig up the rock
5. Why are monster machines important to farmers, miners, and builders?

They are important because they can do a lot of heavy work quickly.

B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.

1. Monster machines to do huge amount of work in a short time.
2. Farmers used only horses for the farming before tractors were invented.
3. Dump trucks travel very fast when they are loaded with mining material.
4. Tall and strong cranes are used to construct tall buildings.
5. Road trains are trucks that pull many trailers behind them.

☒ T / FT / ☒ FT / ☒ F☒ T / F☒ T / F

C Write the words to sort the monster machines.

Monster machines for farming	
tractors	They are used to make the ground ready for the planting seed.
harvest machines	These machines can harvest crops in a very short time.
Monster machines for mining	
dredgers	They are used to dig up the rock.
dump trucks	They carry the large loads of heavy rock.
Monster machines for building	
monster diggers	They dig out the dirt and rock.
cranes	They lift heavy loads of building material.
Monster machines for transportation	
freight trains	They can take hundreds of tons of freight a very long way. They can travel on the railroad tracks.
road trains	They are the longest trucks used anywhere in the world.
tractors, dredgers, harvesting machines, cranes, freight trains, monster diggers, road trains, dump trucks,	

D What are your favorite monster machines from the story?
Complete a writing about them.

My favorite monster machines are road trains.

What are they used for?

They are used for transporting things like livestock and grain.

Why are they your favorite?

They are the longest trucks used in the world. I think they would look great when they pull many trailers behind them.

Answers vary.