



In Oregon there is a lake of incredible blue that is hidden from sight until you look over the edge of the wide rocky bowl that holds it. Called Crater Lake, it is one of the natural wonders of North America. Until about a hundred years ago, the lake was known to very few people. The Klamath people who were native to the area did not talk to strangers about the lake because it had a special meaning in their culture.

The story of the lake actually began thousands of years before, when one volcanic eruption after another created a twelve thousand foot mountain

called Mount Mazama. Then about seven thousand years ago, Mount Mazama blew up. Rivers of lava flowed, and hot gases and ash were thrown into the air.

Because it was hollow, the top of Mount Mazama fell in on itself. After the volcano exploded, all that was left was a hole, called a *caldera*. The Mount Mazama caldera, which was six miles wide and several thousand feet deep, looked like a great bowl with steep sides.

It is believed that the bowl remained empty for hundreds of years because water drained



through holes in the bottom. However, after a small volcano rose from the floor of the caldera, its lava sealed the drain holes. As rain and snow collected in the huge bowl, Crater Lake came into being.

In 1853 a group of miners reported seeing the lake.

Twenty years later Peter Britt, a pioneering photographer, took the first photograph of the lake. Later, the picture was widely printed in magazines, and the beautiful Crater Lake we know today became famous.

- 1** Based on the description in the article of how Crater lake was formed, which words mean about the *SAME* as *crater*?
- Ⓐ lava river
  - Ⓑ mountain top
  - Ⓒ natural water
  - Ⓓ volcano opening

- 1** The correct answer is **D (volcano opening)**.

Type of Passage: Informational Text

Benchmark: L.A.A.1.2.3 The student uses simple strategies to determine meaning and increase vocabulary for reading, including the use of prefixes, suffixes, root words, multiple meanings, antonyms, synonyms, and word relationships.

The correct answer is D. The first paragraph of the article indicates that the lake is contained in a wide rocky bowl. Later in the article, we learn that the bowl was formed after a volcano called Mount Mazama fell in on itself, creating a hole. These context clues show that the word *crater* means an opening in a volcano.