

P3 Gifted English

Comprehension

Knowledge Builder – Greek Mythology

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Huallallo and Pariacaca

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and write the number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

(Highlighted words are the vocabularies of the Week)

Huallallo, spirit of fire, and Pariacaca, spirit of water, struggled ceaselessly with each other to rule over the land of Mullococha. When Huallallo had the upper hand, it was very hot; but when Pariacaca won, the land grew cold and hail began to fall.

At last they agreed to have one final battle; whoever won would rule forever. Pariacaca was born from five eggs, so he had five different directions. He hurled **torrents** of water on Huallallo, the fire spirit. Huallallo's flames sank hissing and **writhing** to the ground but he then again and again gathered strength and shot back into the sky like an erupting volcano. Pariacaca was not discouraged; he poured down more and more water. The two contestants were so equally matched that it seemed as though the struggle would never end.

Towards sunset, yellow and red rain began to fall, but Huallallo's flames reached up to lick the clouds. The **deluges** of water that Pariacaca was pouring out threatened to drown the villages of the Indians. With the help of some friendly spirits, they turned a mountain upside down to catch it, and so created the lake of Mullococha. At last Huallallo, was **swamped** by flood and one by one his flames went out. But he managed to escape

and fled to the ~~region~~ called Anti. One of Pariacaca's sons followed to stand guard over him, in case he ever wanted to return to take revenge.

Pariacaca conquered Huallallo once and for all; to complete his victory he now had to defeat Huallallo's wife, who also burned with intense heat. The fight was more difficult than he had expected; again he poured out torrents of water with little effect.

Suddenly Huallallo's wife threw a rock at the leg of one of Pariacaca's sons. He **repelled** with a jet of water and it was too strong that it carried her right down to the sea. Pariacaca's son was badly wounded, and he realised that he would never walk again. He suggested that he should stay beside the sea and make sure that Huallallo's wife would never return to take her revenge. His father accepted and ordered the Indians who lived in the region to bring his son a regular supply of corn and young llamas for food. They were happy to do so, for the flames of Huallallo's wife had burned their villages and forests.

Each time fire broke out, the Indians hurried to make sacrifices to appease the anger of the god. Then they prayed at the foot of a sacred rock, which whistled the spirit of Pariacaca.

1. Huallallo and Pariacaca were fighting over _____.

- (1) a mountain
- (2) an erupting volcano
- (3) who was stronger
- (4) the control of Mullococha

(4)

2. At the end of the final battle Pariacaca _____ Huallallo.

- (1) befriended
- (2) lost to
- (3) triumphed over
- (4) retreated

(3)

3. During the battle, _____ suffered the most.

- (1) the villagers
- (2) Pariacaca
- (3) Huallallo's wife
- (4) Huallallo

(1)

4. Pariacaca's son became _____.

- (1) crippled after the battle
- (2) the guardians of Huallallo and his wife
- (3) the Indians who lived in Mullococha
- (4) sacred rocks in Anti

(1)

5. The word "god" mentioned in the last paragraph refers to _____.

- (1) Huallallo
- (2) Pariacaca
- (3) Huallallo's wife
- (4) Pariacaca's sons

(1 x) 3.

Vocabularies of the Week

Match each vocabulary with the correct meaning (in the text).

	Vocabulary	Answer		Meaning
1.	torrent	b ✓	a.	<i>noun.</i> a severe flood
2.	writhing (writhe)	e x c	b.	<i>noun.</i> a strong and fast-moving stream of water or other liquid.
3.	deluge	a ✓	c.	<i>verb.</i> make twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body
4.	swamp	e ✓	d.	<i>verb.</i> drive or force (an attack or attacker) back or away.
5.	repel	d	e.	<i>verb.</i> overwhelm or flood with water