

## Quake Teacher Key

### **Tuesday, October 17, 1989**

1. Who is Franny's best friend? (Jenny)
2. Why were Franny and Jennie separated? (divorce)
3. Who is Lara ? (90-golden retriever)
4. What was one way that Jennie hadn't changed?  
(chocoholic)
5. How did Franny's brother feel about blood and gore?  
(cool)
6. Why was Jenny's visit turning out to be a disaster ? (no place to sleep)
7. Why was Jenny upset with the song that Sidney sang?  
(disgusting)
8. Why was Lara whining? (hurt)
9. What was happening below their feet? (earthquake)
10. Where did Jenny live? (LA)

### **5:04**

1. Why was Sidney lying on the ground ;next to Jenny after she heard the freight-train sound? (earthquake)
2. What fell out of the house and looked like a mummy falling out of its coffin? (water heater)
3. What was dropping to the ground and bouncing like Ping-Pong balls (apples)
4. The stilts from what building were snapping like spaghetti?  
(cabin)
5. It felt like hours to Franny, but how long did it last? (less than a minute)
6. What did Jenny think caused the movement? (carpenter)
7. How did Sidney react when he found no one dead? (Rats)
8. Why did Sidney think Jenny was dying? (neck slits)
9. How did Franny bandage Jenny? (with dress hem)
10. After the quake, what must Franny do? (shut off gas and electricity)
11. Why doesn't Sidney want Franny to shut off the gas?  
(barbecue her head)
12. Why did Franny run to the garage? (turn off electricity)
13. How did Franny bury the fire behind the stove? (fire extinguisher)
14. Where did it look like raccoons had broken into the house? (kitchen)
15. How did Franny know how to react in an earthquake?  
(drills)

### **Mr. Vanda**

1. What is it called when the movement started again? (aftershock)
2. Why does Sidney ask if mommy and daddy are dead? (earthquake at Candlestick Park)
3. Why didn't they call Aunt Annette? (telephone dead)
4. Why didn't the children go to Mr. Vanda's house? (slid down hill)
5. How far away did they feel the earthquake on the Bay Bridge? (50 miles)
6. What did the children do before they looked for their dog Lara? (find Mr. Vanda)
7. If Mr. Vanda wasn't in his house, where was he? (under car)
8. How did they stop Mr. Vanda's bleeding ? (parrot's bandanna)
9. Where did Sidney find a blanket for Mr. Vanda? (yellow curtain from house)
10. Why wasn't Mr. Vanda okay? (flew through kitchen window to under car)

### **Gwen**

1. Why didn't Frannie want to find Lara first? (Mr. Vanda needed help)
2. How did the children feel when they went into the house? (like burglars)
3. How did Frannie endanger her life when she came out of the house? (shut off gas)
4. Where were the children going when they saw the woman with the garden hose? (fire station)
5. Why did Sidney's fingers go back to clenching Frannie's belt loop (aftershock)
6. Why didn't the fireman take a truck to fight the fire? (it was broken)
7. How could Gwen help? (nurse)
8. How do the children know that their parents are alive? (radio announcement)
9. Why wouldn't this fire spread? (fire wall)
10. How did they carry Mr. Vanda if an ambulance couldn't come? (Gwen's truck)

### **Eric**

1. Why did the children go back to the house? (Lara)
2. Why were father and Sidney jealous of Franny? (whistle)
3. When the children were trying to find Lara how did Frannie feel about Jennie and Sidney? (close bond)
4. Who was the body lying on the ground? (Billy, the stonemason)

5. Why didn't Katie have a scratch on her body? (Billy)
6. Why was Eric just coming out of his front door?  
(newspaper)
7. Instead of raining cats and dogs in Eric's house how did he describe it? (bricks)
8. Why wouldn't Eric give Lara M&Ms if he saw her? (kill her)
9. How does Jennie think Frannie feels about Eric? (likes him)
10. What had happened to the goat? (broken leg)

### **The School**

1. What is Fannie's school motto? (Go Cheetahs)
2. Why couldn't the volley ball teams go home from school?  
(no phone)
3. How did Jennie help Gwen? (tended injured in gym)
4. What did Mr. Vanda call the children? (heroes)
5. What did Sidney do when he saw his teacher? (hugged her)
6. How did Mrs. LaFeau get out of her classroom? (crawled out window)
7. What did Mrs. LaFeau offer to do for Sidney? (earthquake orphans)
8. While Sidney was with Mrs. LaFeau, and Jennie was helping Gwen, what was Frannie doing? (helping Mr. Perkins)
9. How was Frannie helping Mr. Perkins? (get water)
10. Why did Mr. Perkins tell the woman help was on the way? (needed it)

### **Looting the Store**

1. What was the thwack that they all heard? (helicopter)
2. How could the man who rescued them help? (hospital, supplies, porta potti, generator)
3. What did Mr. Perkins mean when he said, "We're going on a raid?" (get food)
4. How did Mr. Perkins and Frannie feed the 300 hungry people at the school? (looted the store)
5. How many people died in this earthquake? (none)
6. What was the firefighters first priority? (help people)
7. Why was Jennie crying? (dead batteries)
8. What will Jenny be when she grows up? (medic)
9. What does Frannie want to be when she grows up?  
(scientist)
10. Why did Jennie say that she acted so weird toward Frannie? (wrecked life)
11. Why was Frannie a little disappointed to see her parents? (just a kid again)

## **Lara**

1. Why was the woman from New Jersey putting clothes in the Winnebago? (she was moving)
2. Who had a rock collection and makes earrings? (Frannie)
3. What does Frannie want to be when she grows up? (a chemist)
4. Who was standing with Lara in their driveway? (Eric)
5. What did Eric give Jennie? (a Hershey's bar)
6. One thing that the raccoons did when they ransacked the house? (tore a bag of cornmeal/bit through a plastic bottle of rootbeer/ dribbled it over the floor/ broke a honey jar/stole a bag of granola/left footprints)
7. What did their mother and Jerri clean the kitchen out with? (wheelbarrow and bags)
8. Why couldn't the Frannie's family drink their tap water? (raw sewage)
9. Why wasn't Jennie ready to go home with her mother? (earthquake history)
10. Why did Frannie want Jennie to stay? (company)

## **The Deer**

1. Why can't Frannie's family sleep in their house? (unsafe, off foundation)
2. What were the little shock vibrations Frannie felt in her toes? (aftershock)
3. Who does Frannie compare their camping outdoors to? (Swiss Family Robinson)
4. Who were the man and woman in the shed that Frannie and Jennie spied on? (homeless)
5. What happened to their house during the night? (old part broke away from the new)
6. Why was the only light in the valley in the shed? (on fire)
7. Why did Frannie feel that living through the earthquake was more like living during the 1880s? (no phones, no electricity)
8. What was the scuffling sound outside the tent? (a deer)
9. How did the deer wake the Frannie's family up? (struck a rope and shook the tent)
10. How did Frannie explain the deer's visit? (welcome)

## **Jorge and Margarita**

1. Why did parts of Frannie's house survive the earthquake differently? (bolts)
2. Why did Frannie go into the old part of the house, even though it was unsafe? (rescue clothes, album, rocks, earrings, and other belongings)
3. Why didn't Frannie's family have insurance on their house? (uninsurable)

4. Who would rebuild the house? (Frannie's family)
5. Why did Frannie compare her brother Sidney to a duckling ? (following her=imprinting)
6. Why does Frannie compare the utility workers to saviors? (back on job)
7. What did the homeless Spanish-speaking women want from Frannie's family? (food)
8. How did Frannie's family show compassion for the man and woman? (offered to let them live with them)
9. How had the earthquake changed Frannie's life? (no house, no money)
10. How did Jorge and Margarita get to California? (walked from El Salvador)

### **Thank You For What We Have**

1. Why did Margarita seem so grown up to Frannie? (pregnant with husband)
2. What was the geologist looking for after the earthquake? (offset)
3. What is the geologist's ridgetop spreading theory? (the earth moved up not over)
4. How much English can Margarita speak? (okay is all)
5. How had Jorge and Frannie's father spent the afternoon? (fixing the water system)
6. How do you know that Sidney was getting back to his old self? (pretended to vomit)
7. Where did the Frannie's family go for lunch? (Aunt Annette's in Cupertino)
8. Why was Jennie going home? (her idea)
9. How did Frannie describe her neighborhood on the drive home from the airport? (like a war)
10. How did Frannie know that she was back in civilization? (telephone ringing)

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