

Rail Accidents

Name _____

Find the information from the book to complete the table below.

Year	Date	Place	Country	Deaths	Reason



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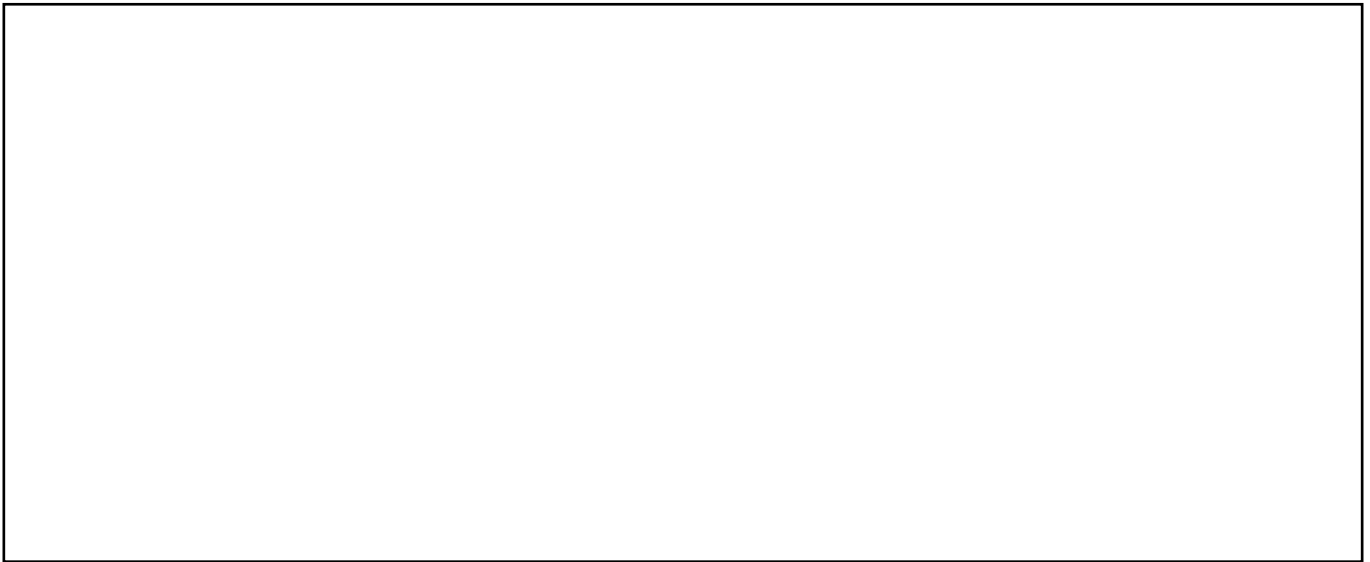
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Multiple Intelligences (visual-spatial intelligence)

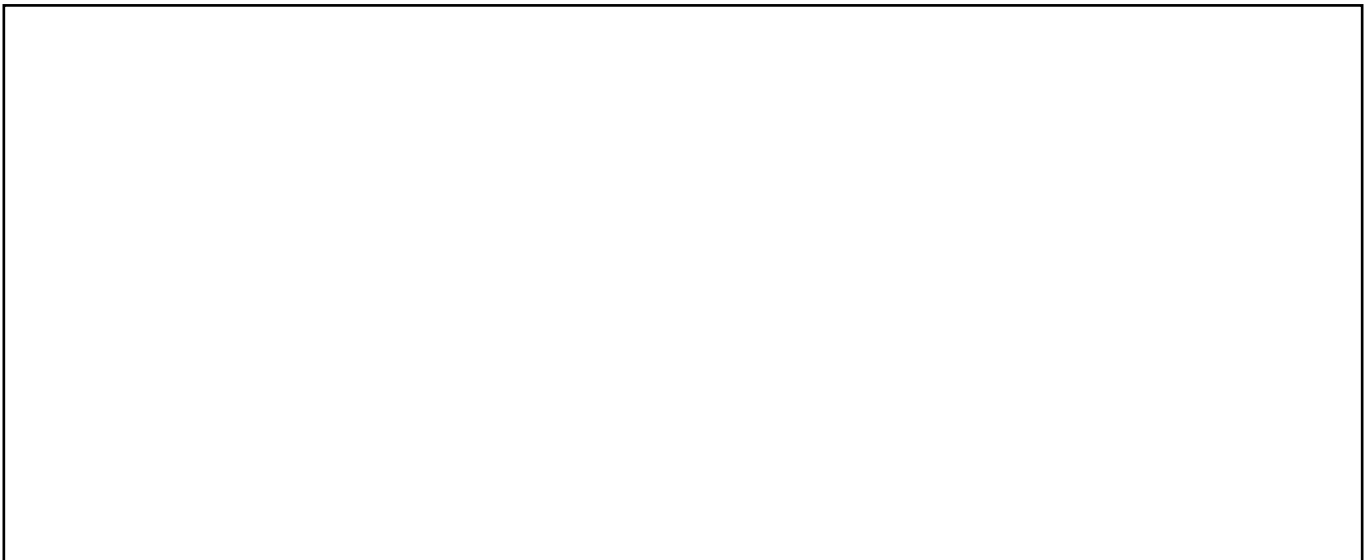
Choose one accident from the book. Draw the accident from ground level and then draw the aerial view of the same accident.

Accident _____

Ground level



Aerial view



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Imagine that you are near the scene when a terrible rail accident occurs. What would you expect to see and hear? How would you expect to feel? Write your descriptions below.

I would see –

I would hear –

I would feel –



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The words who, what, which, whose, and whom are called pronouns. When these pronouns are used at the start of a question, they are called interrogative pronouns. Complete the questions by adding the correct pronoun. On the line underneath each one, answer the questions. Use the book to help you.

who what which whose whom

_____ train accident occurred first in the book?

_____ was responsible for the Nashville accident?

_____ carriages from the Tangiwai disaster fell off the bridge?

_____ struggled to pull survivors from the raging river in Tangiwai?

For _____ was there a mass funeral at Karori Cemetery?

_____ fault was the Granville accident?

_____ was the time when the Granville train began to slow down for the 32 km per hour speed limit?

_____ did the driver of the ICE see when he turned around after feeling a tug?



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Use the table on page 30 to answer the questions.

1. Record the year with the most rail accidents and write down the countries in which they occurred.

2. Record the number of accidents caused by derailments and write down the countries in which the derailments occurred.

3. What was the cause of the highest number of rail deaths in one accident? How many people died?

4. What is the total number of deaths prior to 1970?

5. When and where was a train derailed by a tsunami?

6. What happened on the 18th February, 2004?

7. What occurred in a tunnel in 1944? Explain.

8. In which month/s did most rail accidents occur?



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This book is a recount that explains the causes and effects of five rail accidents. It is a nonfiction book and that makes us think that everything in the book is true.

1. Did you think that this book would give facts about rail accidents that are true and correct? Why or why not?

2. Do you think the author presented just the facts in this book? Explain.

3. Which word in the blurb describes the accidents? Think of other words that could have been used.

4. Some accidents were caused by human error. What do you think of this?

5. Speed and human error were responsible for the Granville accident. These factors also cause many motor vehicle accidents. What could be done to prevent these accidents?

6. What do you think the author thought of these accidents when she was writing the book?

7. Why might the author have written this book?



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In nonfiction books, the photographs, captions, diagrams, tables, and pictures help us understand better what the book is about. Use your book to complete the table. The first one is done for you.

Page number/s	Feature	What it helps me understand
8–9	How the Nashville Collision Occurred	I can see the direction the trains were heading and I can see why the operator got confused. I also see the way the trains would have collided.
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