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Earth Fire

The

volcanoes

are only

about 25

from the

capital

city of

miles away

Reykjavik,

the surface.

Earth's surface.

businesses nearby.

earthly eruptions.

On March 19, volcanoes at Geldingadalur

(GEL-din-ga-DAH-loor) and Fagradalsfjall

(fah-grah-dahls-fyahk) in southwest Iceland

began to erupt after 6,000 years of being

dormant, or quiet. (Fagradalsfiall means

"beautiful valley mountain" in Icelandic;

Geldingadalur means "gelding valley.")

but fortunately there are no homes or

What are volcanoes?

Let's learn more about these dramatic

Volcanoes are places where magma and

hot gases push through the Earth's surface.

Volcanoes can erupt with violent explosions.

Or the lava can spill out and flow quietly onto

The decay of radioactive elements within

the Earth creates heat so high it partially melts

build up pressure, like the pressure in a shaken

rocks. Gases in this molten, or melted, rock

can of carbonated soda. The pressure of the

gas causes the molten rock to rise toward the



Mini Fact:

Earthquakes starting in December 2019 alerted geologists that an eruption in Iceland might be coming.

The magma and gases may collect in large underground chambers, or holding tanks. As more magma and gas collect, pressure builds up and forces the magma up to the surface. **Volcano destruction ...**

Volcanoes can cause great damage. They can wipe out whole towns, killing thousands of people, plants and animals.

When lava erupts, it is red-hot, measuring more than 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. An explosive eruption may throw out big rocks, known as bombs. These can weigh hundreds of pounds.

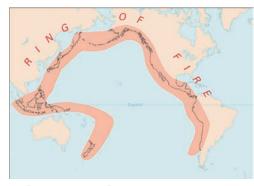
Volcanic rocks can cause dangerous mudflows if they mix with water. These mudflows might reach speeds of 10 to 30 miles per hour.

Winds can carry volcanic ash around the world many times. In 2010, for example, another Icelandic volcano erupted, with ash covering large parts of Europe and shutting down some air travel.

... and construction

Volcanoes have played a big role in forming the surface of our planet. More than 80% of the Earth's surface was made by volcanoes, including much fertile soil. Many mountains and islands are really volcanoes that have built up layers of lava and ash.

The first oceans and the Earth's atmosphere were created from the gases from volcanoes that erupted several billion years ago.



Volcano sites

More than half of the active land volcanoes circle the Pacific Ocean in a "Ring of Fire." In this area, parts of the Earth are slowly colliding with each other.

The Earth's crust is broken into huge parts called **plates**. When one of these plates slides under another plate, they rub against each other. This is where rock melts to form magma.

Most active volcanoes border the edges of continents. Many are in or around the Mediterranean Sea. There are about 50 active volcanoes in the United States, in Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California.

The Kilauea (kee-lah-WAY-ah) volcano in Hawaii began erupting again on Dec. 20, 2020. It is one of the most active volcanoes in the world. "Kilauea" means spewing, or much spreading.

Resources



On the Web:

youtu.be/SoJ8cRnbbps

At the library:

- "Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island" by Loree Griffin Burns
- "How Volcanoes Shape the Earth" by Megan Cuthbert and Jared Siemens

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of volcanoes are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

ASH, BOMBS, DORMANT, EARTH, ERUPT, EXPLOSION, FIRE, GASES, ICELAND, LAVA, MAGMA, MOLTEN, MOUNTAIN, OCEAN, PLATES, PRESSURE, RING, ROCK, SPEW, SURFACE, VOLCANO.

MNETLOMFWRGNI OGZPSURFACEIRP UATNRMAGMAVEOH RDRERIFG ASNAECOS IKAERUPTUA OHFNWEPSNWHQRBOMBS FICELANDNHEAVAL PGRPURKSDORMANT

Cook's Corner

Kiwi-Honeydew Smoothie

You'll need:

- 1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 kiwi, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup cubed honeydew melon
- 1 tablespoon honey
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 3 ice cubes

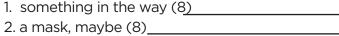


What to do:

- 1. In a blender, combine yogurt, kiwi, melon, honey, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon lemon zest and ice cubes.
- 2. Puree until smooth. Pour mixture into a tall glass. Serves 1.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



- 3. reptile without legs (5)_____
- 4. food between bread slices (8)_____ 5. ironed breakfast cakes (7)
- 6. fast horse pace (6)
- 7. pulled-back hairstyle (8)
- SAN AIL DISG LOP **AKE** YT **ACLE** UISE PON **FLES** ICH WAF **OBST** DW

Answers: obstacle, disguise, snake, sandwich, waffles, gallop, ponytail.

Mini Jokes

Vinnie: What did one volcano say to the other? Veronica: "I lava you!"

On April 9, La Soufriere, a volcano on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent, had an "explosive eruption," officials there reported. A cloud of ash about 4 miles high spewed from the volcano, and glowing lava could be seen on the side of the mountain. Officials had asked residents in the danger zone to evacuate, or leave, in the days before the eruption. Cruise ships helped remove people from the area. and nearby islands offered to take in evacuees from St. Vincent.

For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about volcanoes and earthquakes.

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