



Volcanic Eruptions

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Smoke is rising from the volcano. The ground is shaking. The volcano is about to erupt. What happens during a volcanic eruption?

During an eruption, magma forces its way to the surface. Pressure builds up. There is an explosion. Smoke and ash rise high into the sky. Ash covers the ground.

During an eruption, lava flows down the side of the mountain. The lava burns forests and homes as it flows. The lava hardens and forms new rock.

During an eruption, some people panic. People and animals flee from the lava and poisonous gases. People are evacuated from the area. Some people need to be rescued.