

Volcanoes

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A volcano is a special kind of mountain that can erupt. To erupt means to break open and let hot things out. Inside the Earth, there is melted rock called magma. When it comes out, it is called lava. Lava is very hot and can burn everything.

Sometimes volcanoes erupt quietly, and lava flows like a slow river. Others erupt with a loud bang, shaking the ground and sending ash into the sky.

Volcanoes can be dangerous, but they also help nature. Lava turns into rich soil for plants. Some volcanoes even make new islands in the sea.