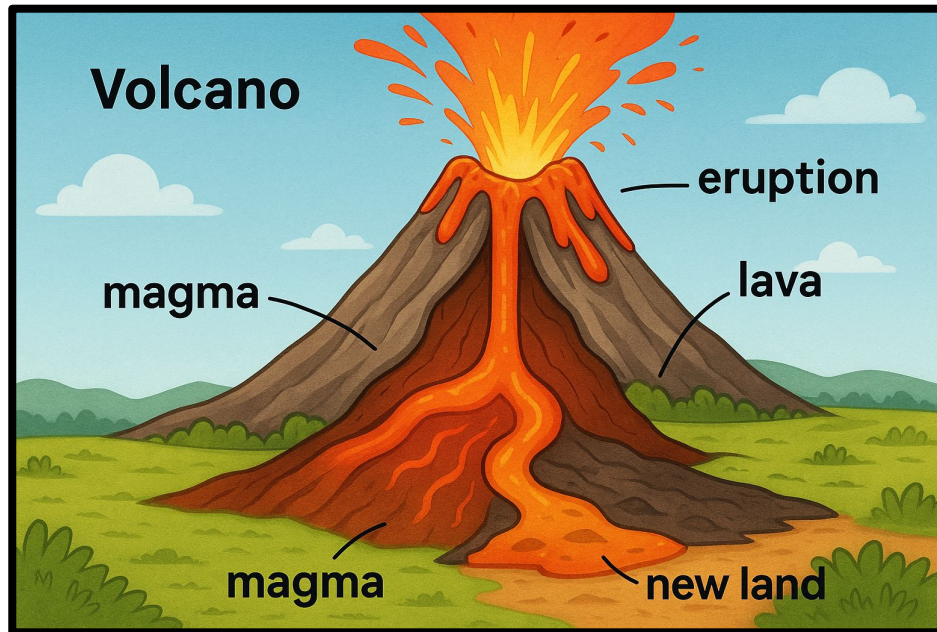


Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Main Topic

Read the short story and answer each question.



What Is a Volcano?

A volcano is a mountain with an opening at the top. Hot, melted rock called magma lives deep inside the Earth.

Sometimes the magma rises and flows out of the volcano. When this happens, it is called an eruption.

The hot rock that comes out is called lava. Lava flows down the sides of the volcano and cools into new land.

Not all volcanoes are active. Some have not erupted in a very long time.

Volcanoes can change the land. They make new rocks, new shapes, and sometimes even new islands in the ocean!

Name: _____

What Is a Volcano?

1. What is this text mostly about?

- A. How to build a mountain
- B. What a volcano is and what it does
- C. How people go camping
- D. What grows in the forest

2. What is lava?

- A. A kind of dirt
- B. Melted snow
- C. Hot rock that flows from a volcano
- D. Cold mud

3. Fill in the blank:

When a volcano lets out melted rock, it is called an _____.

4. What are two key details from the text that tell what a volcano does?

5. Why do volcanoes help make new land?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: J

Lexile Level: 290L-450L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, End of the Year

Genre: Informational Text (Geography/Science)

Introducing the Text

"Today we're going to learn about volcanoes—what they are, how they erupt, and how they change the land. As we read, we'll work on finding the **main topic** and the **key details** that support it."

Vocabulary: volcano, magma, eruption, lava, land

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you think happens when a volcano erupts?
 2. Have you ever seen pictures or videos of a volcano?
 3. What kind of land do you think a volcano makes?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is magma and where is it found?
 2. What happens during an eruption?
 3. How does lava become land?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the main topic of this passage?
 2. What are two key details that support the main idea?
 3. How does the passage explain the way volcanoes change Earth?
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Activity Idea

Give students a diagram with a volcano cross-section. Have them label "magma," "lava," and "eruption" using the passage. Then they write a 2–3 sentence explanation of how a volcano changes the land using the diagram and text evidence.

