

# Volcanoes

Read Aloud Worksheet

Volcanoes are formed by the movement of tectonic plates under the surface of the earth.



*A Volcano  
Erupting*

Some tectonic plates push against each other while others pull apart. When a volcano erupts, hot lava, volcanic ash, and gases escape from a hole called a crater. The hole is often on the top of the volcano but sometimes it is on the side of the volcano.

The ash from an erupting volcano can travel thousands of miles. It can block the light from the sun and cause plants to die due to lack of sunlight.

Erupting volcanoes kill people, animals, and plants that are nearby.