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Volcano

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The word *volcano* comes from Vulcan, the Roman god of fire.

Long ago, people thought that powerful gods lived inside **volcanoes**.

When the gods were angry, people believed they would spit fire, ash, and **lava** onto the land.



Today, we know that volcanoes are a part of nature.



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Scientists work hard to learn more about volcanoes and why they happen.

Why Volcanoes Happen

A volcano starts as a big, deep hole or crack in Earth's surface. When **pressure** builds, ash, rock, gas, and **magma** escape through the hole. In time, the escaped material can form a mountain.



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Magma (MAG-muh) is hot, melted rock.