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What is a volcano?

A volcano is a mountain. Most of the time, it looks like any other mountain, but sometimes it shoots out **gas, ash** and burning rock. This is called an **eruption**.

The biggest eruptions are like firework displays. There is a lot of noise and very hot rock shoots out of the **peak**.

Why do volcanoes **erupt**? Where does the hot rock come from? This book tells you about the wonderful world of volcanoes.



Volcano facts

The word volcano comes from the name Vulcan. Vulcan was the Roman god of fire.