

## True Core Idea

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully and review each statement that follows.

1. Decide if the statement represents the **central idea** (TRUE) or if it is just a **supporting detail** (FALSE).
2. Write **True** or **False** next to each statement.

### The Power of Volcanoes

Volcanoes are some of Earth's most powerful natural forces. When they erupt, they can release lava, ash, and gases that reshape landscapes in dramatic ways. Entire islands, such as those in Hawaii, were formed by volcanic eruptions. Volcanic ash also enriches soil, making it fertile for farming. However, eruptions can be dangerous, destroying homes and forcing communities to evacuate.



Scientists study volcanoes closely to better predict eruptions and reduce risks for people living nearby. Despite their dangers, volcanoes play a vital role in shaping the Earth and supporting life.

### Statements

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Volcanoes are some of Earth's most powerful natural forces.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Hawaii was formed by volcanic eruptions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Scientists study volcanoes to predict eruptions and keep people safe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Volcanoes can destroy homes and force evacuations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Volcanoes both shape the Earth and provide benefits despite their dangers.