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Volcanic Vocabulary

Directions: Match each volcanic vocabulary word (A-H) with its correct definition (1-8). Write the letter of the word next to the definition.



A. Magma

B. Lava

C. Caldera

D. Pyroclastic

E. Crater

F. Vent

G. Ash

H. Fissure

1. A huge depression formed when the top of a volcano collapses inward after an eruption.
2. Molten rock that is found underground.
3. Fragments of rock, gas, and hot particles thrown out explosively during an eruption.
4. The bowl-shaped area around a volcanic opening.
5. A long crack in Earth's surface where magma can escape.
6. The opening through which magma, gases, and ash leave the volcano.
7. Tiny, powder-like particles of rock and glass blasted into the air during eruptions.
8. Molten rock that reaches the Earth's surface.

Reflection Question: Why is it important to understand volcanic vocabulary when learning about natural disasters? Write 2-3 sentences.
