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Three Types of Volcanoes



Not all volcanoes look the same! Each type has its own shape, eruption style, and materials. Below are three types of volcanoes (A-C) and three descriptions (1-3). Write the correct letter in the box next to each number to match the volcano type with its description.

A. Shield Volcano

B. Cinder Cone
Volcano

C. Composite
Volcano
(Stratovolcano)

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1. Tall, cone-shaped volcano with **steep sides**; made of **alternating layers of lava and ash**; eruptions are explosive and dangerous.

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2. Broad, gently sloping sides; built from **many layers of fluid lava flows**; eruptions are frequent but not usually violent.

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3. Small, steep, cone-shaped hill; built from **ash, cinders, and volcanic rocks**; eruptions are short-lived and localized.

Reflection Challenge: Which type of volcano do you think would be the safest to live near, and why? Write 2-3 sentences explaining your choice.
