More Volcanoes





What's it all called?



Where are most volcanoes located?

Look at this map.

Most of the word's volcanoes are located in the area labelled "Ring of Fire".

Why do you think it is called that?



What do they mean?

active

A volcano that has erupted in the last 10,000 years.



dormant

A volcano that is quiet but may erupt again.



extinct

A volcano that has not erupted in the last 10,000 years.



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1944 Eruption of Mount Vesuvius Italy

Pompeii Eruption

What are the dangers of living near to a volcano?

At first it may seem odd that people would want to live next door to a volcano. After all, volcanoes have a nasty habit of exploding and killing people! Yet, throughout history, people have deliberately chosen to risk all the hazards and live near them, even on the slopes of active volcanoes that have recently erupted.

They chose to live close to volcanoes because they felt that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. Most volcanoes are perfectly safe for long periods in between eruptions, and those that do erupt more frequently are usually thought of, by the people who live there, as being predictable.

Today, about <u>500 million people</u> live on or close to volcanoes. We even have major cities close to active volcanoes. There are several key reasons why people choose to

live near these so-called 'hazard zones', lets look at each one...

Volcanic soil

Volcanic soil is extremely nutrient rich and is perfect soil for growing crops such as in Hawaii.

Granite Stone Granite is formed

through volcanic eruptions, it a very durable building material and is also very valuable.

Geothermal energy



Geothermal heat is used to generate electricity in some countries, it a very cheap and environmentally friendly way to create energy. This is quite common in countries such as Canada where the temperature can change quite drastically between Summer and Winter.

Watch this video on geothermal energy: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-argiPe_9Ko

Diamonds and precious metals

Diamonds and precious metals are sometimes brought to the surface of the Earth in a rare type of magma.

Tourism





Geothermal spas are located near to volcanoes. The water is cooled down and pumped into lagoons where people bathe in the warm nutrient rich waters. Tourists from all over the world come to visit these sorts of resorts.

Watch this video from the 'Blue Lagoon' resort in Iceland:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNPSkEHr8Zl&feature=related



Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh, Scotland



Bardon Hill Quarry, Leicestershire, England



Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland



Snowdon, Wales



Why do people live near volcanoes?



In your group, sort the cards into two piles:

For

Against

Which is the most important reason against?

Which is the most important for?

Do the risks seem worth taking?

Would you want to live near to a volcano?