

# Volcanoes & Earth's Moving Plates (p. 330 - 335)

## I. What Are Volcanoes?

### 1. Define the term volcano.

Volcano - opening in the Earth that erupts gases, ash, + lava  
(Cut in skin → blood)

### 2. How many volcanoes on Earth are active?

600 - 1,500 (surface) → Most are dormant (inactive)

### 3. What is the name of the most active volcano on Earth?

Mt. Kilauea, Hawaii

## II. Effects Of Eruptions

### 1. List four types of materials released during a volcanic eruption.

Volcanic Ash

Pyroclastic Flow (wave of hot gases, ashes, cinders, bombs)

Cinders (pebble-sized particles)

Bombs (size of baseball → car)

→ (travel 100+ mph)

Mt. Vesuvius

- destroyed the cities of Pompeii + Herculaneum

## III. How Do Volcanoes Form?

### 1. How does magma form deep inside the Earth?

Heat + pressures changes cause rock to melt

### 2. What causes magma to be forced slowly to the surface of the Earth?

Magma is less dense than the rock around it

### 3. How long does it take for magma to reach Earth's surface?

Thousands to millions of years

### 4. Define the term vent.

Vent - opening in the Earth's surface where magma flows out  
(Side vent or Crater Vent)

### 5. Define the term crater.

Crater - steep-walled depression around a volcano's vent

Lahars

- avalanche of mud, melted snow, + rock

Nevado del Ruiz

Columbia

- 120 meters high  
- travel 30 miles  
- destroyed the city of Armero (20,000 people)

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**IV. Where Do Volcanoes Occur?**

1. List three locations where volcanoes form?

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Divergent BoundariesConvergent BoundariesHot Spots

2. Describe how volcanoes form along the mid-ocean ridges. (Ex. - Mid-Atlantic Ridge)

Along the rift valley, lava pours out of cracks in the ocean floor, gradually building new mountains.

3. Volcanoes can form along diverging plate boundaries on land. (Not in the book.)

Circle One :

True

False

Great Rift Valley, Africa

4. Volcanoes form near convergent boundaries where oceanic crust returns to the mantle.

Circle One :

True

False

Ex. - Subduction Zones

5. Circle the letter of the types of plates that collided to form the Andes Mountains.

a. two oceanic plates → Mariana Trenchb. a continental plate and an oceanic plate → Peru-Chile Trenchc. a continental plate and an island plate → Himalayan Mts. / Appalachian Mts.

d. two continental plates

6. What is the Pacific Ring Of Fire? (Not in the book.)

Bumper Cars

A major volcanic belt formed by many volcanoes that rim the Pacific Ocean.

7. Volcanoes at boundaries where two oceanic plates collide create islands called an:

island arc

(Not in the book.)

8. List six types of island arcs on Earth. (Not in the book.)

1. Japan2. Aleutian Islands3. Indonesia4. New Zealand5. Philippines6. Caribbean Islands

9. Define the term hot spot.

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Hot Spot - area where material from within the mantle rises and melts, forming magma

10. Give an example of a hot spot volcano.

Hawaiian IslandsOther Examples:IcelandGalapagos IslandsCanary IslandsYellowstone National Park

# Volcanoes

## I. Volcano Facts

- mountains that build taller and taller as they erupt
- built up by lava flowing out of vents, cooling, and layering
- most are dormant (inactive)
- materials released from volcanoes :
  - smoke
  - volcanic ash (volcanic fragments smaller than 2mm)
  - lava (aboveground molten material)
  - pumice (light, porous volcanic rock)
  - tephra (fragments of volcanic rock)
- gases emitted from volcanoes :
  - water vapor
  - carbon dioxide
  - sulfur dioxide
  - hydrogen chloride
  - hydrogen fluoride
- most are 10,000 - 100,000 years old
- about 1,500 active surface volcanoes (about 10,000 undersea volcanoes)
- Indonesia = country with most volcanoes
- United States = lower 48 states (~ 40 volcanoes)  
= Alaska (~ 60 volcanoes)
- Largest Volcano = Mauna Loa, Hawaii (29,000 feet above seafloor)
- Oldest Volcano = Mount Etna (350,000 years old)

## II. Volcanic Explosivity Index (V.E.I.)

- estimates the relative size of an explosive eruption
- 0 - 8 index scale of increasing explosivity (each 1.0 increase = 10X magnitude)
- no known explosive events with a V.E.I. larger than 8
- index value determined according to :
  - volume of erupted pyroclastic material
  - height of eruption column
  - duration in hours
  - descriptive terms
- past 10,000 years of V.E.I. data :
  - 2 = 3,477 eruptions
  - 3 = 868 eruptions
  - 4 = 278 eruptions
  - 5 = 84 eruptions
  - 6 = 39 eruptions
  - 7 = 4 eruptions