



What is a volcano?

We will learn about the layers of the earth and tectonic plates. We will locate volcanoes and identify the different parts for the two main types: composite and shield.

Classification of volcanoes.

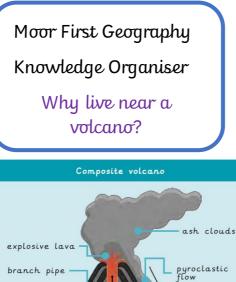
Active- A volcano currently erupting or is likely to erupt soon. Extinct- A volcano that has not erupted in 10,000 years and is not expected to erupt again. Dormant- A volcano that may erupt again but has not erupted for a while

Why do people live near volcanoes?

Negative –

People may be injured or killed. Forests and farmland may be destroyed. Homes may be destroyed. Carbon dioxide emissions contribute to climate change. Ash clouds can pollute rivers, killing fish. Tsunamis and earthquakes may happen. Positive +

Rich, fertile soil is created and new land from hardened lava. Volcanoes can be beautiful landscapes. Tourism to volcanoes creates jobs. Geothermal energy from the steam is environmentally friendly.



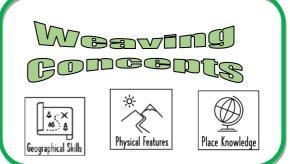
Magma chamber An explosive, steep-sided volcano

lava

crust

steep sides

vent





VOCABULARY

Earthquake	A shaking of the ground caused by
	tectonic plates moving.
Tectonic	The earth's crust is made up of large
plates	areas called tectonic plates that join
	together.
Volcanoes	A volcano is an opening in the Earth's
	crust that allows magma, hot ash and
	gases to escape.
Magma	A mixture of hot, molten rock and gas,
	that builds up deep beneath the surface
	of the Earth.
Lava	When magma reaches the surface of
	the Earth, it is called lava.

