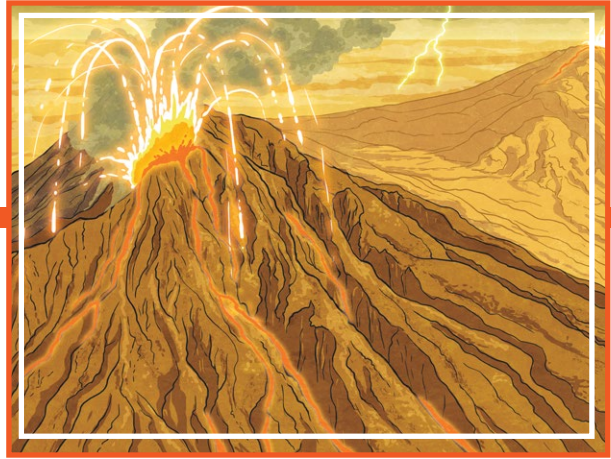


Analyse & Use

Rumbling
Volcano
Setting



Read the rumbling volcano setting description below. Analyse the vocabulary and descriptions that have been used.

In the distance, the vast, steep volcano overlooked the land below. While this enormous giant had been sleeping for hundreds of years, it had chosen tonight to awake. A low rumbling sound thundered across the land and warned petrified people that danger was coming. Suddenly, the mighty monster roared angrily. The ear-piercing explosion echoed for miles as thick, black clouds of ash fired from the volcano's mouth and rocks launched through the air like missiles. While the bubbling, molten lava oozed out, the dusky sky was lit up by fiery, glowing sparks which heated up the crisp, chilly air. Scorching, red liquid flowed down the rocky slopes like a river, furiously destroying everything in its path. The ferocious beast continued to grumble as wisps of smoke circled the air and vivid, red lava cracked the rocky surface.



Read the rumbling volcano setting description below. Edit and improve the vocabulary to make it more descriptive. Add different sentence starters to make the text more engaging.

The volcano was big and overlooked the land below. The volcano hadn't erupted for years before tonight. There was a rumbling noise. It warned people that danger was coming. The volcano exploded and the sound echoed. There were clouds of ash and rocks that came out of the volcano. Sparks heated up the air. Lava ran down the sides of the volcano. It destroyed everything in its way and cracked the rocks. There were circles of smoke in the air.

Setting Description Checklist

Did I...

Child

Friend

Teacher

describe what can be seen?

describe what can be heard?

describe what can be felt?

describe the time of day?

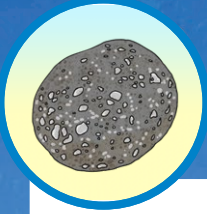
describe the weather?

use powerful adjectives to describe the atmosphere/mood?



Volcanoes

Descriptive Words



What Can Volcanic Rock Be Like?

extrusive, glassy, grainy, grey, heavy, holey, igneous, light, magmatic, resistant, unique



What Is Lava Like?

bubbling, congealed, fiery, flowing, fluid, liquid, molten, red, scorching, thick, viscous

How Might People Feel during an Eruption?

amazed, anxious, awestruck, concerned, curious, frightened, intrigued, overwhelmed, panicked, petrified, upset

What Does an Eruption Look Like?

angry, catastrophic, dark, explosive, fiery, flaming, looming, smoky, spewing, steamy, violent, widespread



What Can a Volcanic Crater Be Like?

bowl-shaped, broad, cavernous, circular, deep, flat-bottomed, huge, low-rimmed, nested, steep-walled, vast, wide

What Does an Eruption Sound Like?

booming, deafening, explosive, growling, hissing, loud, roaring, rumbling, screaming



How Could You Describe a Volcano's Appearance?

capped, conical, enormous, eroded, giant, lofty, mighty, sloped, submerged, towering, underwater, uneven, vast



How Does Lava Move?

downhill, flowing, oozing, overlapping, predictably, sliding, slowly, sluggishly