Icelandic ash

• In 2010, a volcano in Iceland called Eyjafjallajökull belched thousands of tonnes of ash into the sky.

 When magma rose up Eyjafjallajökull's vent and reached its summit it mixed with the snow and ice covering the volcano. This mixture made the eruption very explosive.

 The thick clouds of ash rose in a plume, or column, up to 9 km (6 miles) high.

 Part of the ash cloud drifted across the Atlantic Ocean towards North America.

• Thousands of aeroplane flights were cancelled, with many companies losing millions of pounds.





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