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Word	Definition
natural disaster	A natural event which can cause great damage. Some, such as volcanoes, can have
volcanoes	An opening in the Earth's crust through which gas, lava and ash escapes
eruption	When lava, and ash escape from the Earth out of a volcano
tectonic plates	Pieces of land which connect together on the Earth's outer shell
magma	Liquid rock that is under- ground
lava	Hot liquid rock which flows from a volcano

Key Knowledge and Concepts

- Some natural disasters are earthquakes, tornadoes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions.
- The Earth's crust is made of layers which float on molten rock.
- When the pressure builds up inside a volcano, the magma reaches the surface and a volcanic eruption occurs.
- The Earth is split into two halves called the Southern and Northern Hemispheres.
- An earthquake is a sudden movement or trembling of the Earth's tectonic plates causing the ground to shake.





The world's most famous volcanoes are: Mount Vesuviius, Mount Etna, Mount St Helens, Krakatoa and Mount Fuji.



Mount Vesuvius



Mount Etna



Mount Fuji