Finn’s Volcano Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the physical features of a volcano and understand that they are natural geographical events.

Help Finn the dolphin learn about volcanoes! Read the facts in your classroom book, then fill in this fact-file. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words correctly. Think about what a volcano looks like and what comes out of the top.

Word bank: lava · mountain · crater · ash · eruption · hot · rock

1. What does a volcano look like? Describe its shape using your own words. (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the hole at the very top of the volcano? (1 mark)

3. What happens when a volcano erupts? Describe what you might see coming out. (3 marks)

4. Are volcanoes made by people or are they a natural part of the Earth? Explain how you know. (2 marks)

5. If you were a scientist like Finn, would you like to visit a volcano? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: On the back of your sheet, draw a large volcano and label the 'crater' and the 'lava' flowing down the side.