

California Proofreading Task 6, mark sheet

Volcanoes

Volcanoes fall into three groups, depending on how active they are. Volcanoes which are erupting are called active. Volcanoes which show no signs of eruption are known as dormant or sleeping and, if they remain dormant for tens of thousands of years, they may be described as extinct.

When we hear of a volcano erupting, we think of a tall cone-shaped mountain sending out clouds of ash and liquid rock called lava. In fact, volcanoes can be of different types: some are broad and flat, many are under the sea, some pour out streams of red-hot lava, some create an explosion that can be heard thousands of miles away, while others are quieter and 'gentler'.