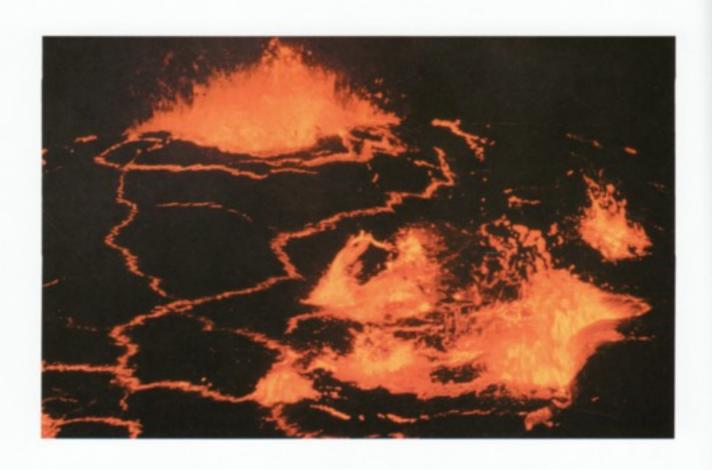


What looks like a mountain but spits out fire?
What shoots clouds of smoke from a hole in its top?
What sometimes explodes with a BANG?





The rock that comes out of a volcano is called lava.

At first, it is runny and red-hot.

It cools down in the air and turns into hard, black rock.



Cooled lava



At the top of a volcano is a hollow called a crater.

In it is a hole called the vent.

Lava, ash, and dust come out of the vent.

Some craters are many miles (kilometers) wide.

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