

Volcanoes

Famous Volcano Fact Cards

This is Mount Vesuvius



Here are some facts about Mt Vesuvius.

Height	Base Width	Age
1,281 metres	48.2 km	about 17,000 years

Mt Vesuvius has erupted more than 50 times in the last 2,000 years.



I live in Naples which is close to Mt Vesuvius.

Naples is in Europe. Europe is in the northern hemisphere.

Mt Vesuvius is found in Italy near a city called Naples. It is most famous for its eruption in A.D. 79. It destroyed the nearby town, Pompeii. It covered the city in volcanic ash.

Mt Vesuvius last erupted in 1944. It is rated one of the world's most dangerous volcanoes. Millions of people live close to the volcano.



This is Mt Etna



Here are some facts about Mt Etna.

Height	Base Width	Age
3,322 metres	149.6 km	about 500,000 years

Mt Etna is a volcano found in Sicily, which is an island south of Italy. Mt Etna is close to the town of Catania.

Its most violent eruption was in 1669. Lava from the volcano destroyed many towns and covered parts of Catania. Before 2001, Mt Etna would erupt about once every two years. It has caused many injuries and deaths.



Mt Etna has erupted more than 200 times since the 1500s. It is very active.

I live in Sicily. I can see Mt Etna from my house. Many people come to visit the volcano.



This is Mount Fuji



Mt Fuji is a volcano found near Tokyo, which is a city in Japan. It last erupted in 1707 and this was its most violent eruption. It sent ash clouds over Tokyo and formed a new crater on its base.

Some Japanese people believe Mt Fuji is a special mountain and it is loved for its beauty. It hasn't erupted for many years. It is made up of three separate volcanoes: Fuji, Komitake and Kofuji.



I live in Tokyo. It is the capital city of Japan.

Japan is in the northern hemisphere. It is not very close to the equator.

Here are the facts about Mt Fuji. Many people visit Mt Fuji.

Height	Base Width	Age
3,773 metres	125.5 km	about 100,000 years



This is Cotopaxi



Cotopaxi is a volcano found near Quito in Ecuador. Ecuador is in the continent of South America. It erupted in 1534, 1744 and 1768.

These eruptions caused many problems for surrounding areas and destroyed nearby towns. When this volcano erupts mud and ice are broken from its glacier. This can be harmful to the towns and environment around it. Cotopaxi hasn't erupted for over 70 years.



I live in Quito. If Cotopaxi erupts now, my family and I would need to leave our home.

Here are some facts about Cotopaxi. It is one of the world's highest and most active volcanoes.

Height	Base Width	Age
1,801 metres	22.5 km	unknown



This is Mount St Helens



Mount St Helens is a volcano south of Seattle, which is a city in Washington State, USA. It is close to a town called Portland.

The biggest eruption was in 1980. Mount St Helens exploded and caused a huge avalanche, which covered major roads and railways in the area. Many houses in towns were destroyed and many people were hurt. Mount St Helens is still active today.

Here are some facts about Mount St Helens.

Height	Base Width	Age
2,926 metres	9.6 km	more than 40,000 years



I live in Portland. It is a town close to Mount St Helens. Portland is in North America. North America is in the northern hemisphere.



This is Krakatau



Krakatau volcano is an island volcano. It lies in between Java and Sumatra islands in Indonesia. In 1883 it erupted and this was recorded as the biggest volcano eruption in history. It caused huge waves in the ocean that crashed onto the nearby islands and destroyed them. This eruption lasted for two days.

Did you know that Indonesia holds the biggest number of volcanoes? You will find around 130 volcanoes in Indonesia. A lot of these volcanoes are small islands in the ocean.



The equator passes through Indonesia.



Here are some facts about Krakatau.

Height	Base Width	Age
812 metres	1.6 km	born in A.D. 416