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Level 1 – 19th May, 2022

Tonga volcano eruption was a record explosion

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The Tonga volcano that erupted in January set a record. It was the biggest explosion ever recorded using modern technology. It was also the biggest in the past 150 years. Scientists say it may have been as big as the 1883 Krakatoa eruption. A researcher said: "Tonga was a truly global event....But we've now got all these geo-physical [recording] systems, and they recorded something that was really [unmatched] in the modern data."

The eruption sent shock waves and tsunami waves around the world. People heard sonic booms in Alaska. It even made clouds in the UK disappear. The UK is 16,500km from Tonga. A UK scientist said the atmosphere was very interconnected. He said: "What happens on one side of the planet can [spread] around to the other side at the speed of sound." NASA said the volcano's effects reached space and affected the weather in space.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The Tonga volcano that | a. 150 years |
| 2. set a | b. technology |
| 3. the biggest explosion ever | c. systems |
| 4. using modern | d. record |
| 5. the biggest in the past | e. global event |
| 6. Tonga was a truly | f. erupted in January |
| 7. recording | g. data |
| 8. the modern | h. recorded |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. shock | a. of sound |
| 2. People heard sonic | b. interconnected |
| 3. It even made clouds in | c. in space |
| 4. the atmosphere was very | d. space |
| 5. on one side | e. waves |
| 6. at the speed | f. the UK disappear |
| 7. the volcano's effects reached | g. of the planet |
| 8. affected the weather | h. booms |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Tonga volcano (1) _____ January set a record. It was the biggest explosion (2) _____ modern technology. It was also the biggest (3) _____ 150 years. Scientists say it may have been (4) _____ the 1883 Krakatoa eruption. A researcher said: "Tonga was a (5) _____....But we've now got all these geo-physical [recording] systems, and they recorded something that was really [unmatched] (6) _____ data."

The eruption (7) _____ and tsunami waves around the world. People heard (8) _____ Alaska. It even made (9) _____ UK disappear. The UK is 16,500km from Tonga. A UK scientist said the atmosphere was very interconnected. He said: "What happens (10) _____ of the planet can [spread] around to the other side at the (11) _____." NASA said the volcano's effects reached space (12) _____ weather in space.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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VOLCANOES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about volcanoes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

