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**Level 2 – 19th May, 2022**

## **Tonga volcano eruption was a record explosion**

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**Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Scientists have said the Tonga volcano that erupted under the sea in January set a record. The Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano was the biggest explosion ever recorded using modern technology. It was also the biggest to happen in the past 150 years. The scientists said it may have been as large as the Krakatoa eruption that took place in 1883. Researcher Dr Robin Matoza said: "Tonga was a truly global event, just as Krakatoa was. But we've now got all these geo-physical [recording] systems, and they recorded something that was really [unmatched] in the modern data."

The volcanic eruption sent shock waves and tsunami waves around the world. People heard sonic booms 10,000km away in Alaska. The eruption even lifted clouds in the sky in the UK, which is 16,500km from Tonga. UK scientists reported the sudden disappearance of clouds. One UK scientist said the atmosphere was "a remarkably interconnected thing". He said: "What happens on one side of the planet can [spread] around to the other side at the speed of sound." NASA has said the volcano's effects reached space. The volcano could have affected the weather in space.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-61452860>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. erupted under                | a. past 150 years |
| 2. set a                        | b. ever recorded  |
| 3. the biggest explosion        | c. something      |
| 4. modern                       | d. record         |
| 5. the biggest to happen in the | e. systems        |
| 6. Tonga was a truly            | f. the sea        |
| 7. recording                    | g. global event   |
| 8. they recorded                | h. technology     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. shock                 | a. side          |
| 2. sonic                 | b. in space      |
| 3. clouds in the         | c. waves         |
| 4. on one side           | d. reached space |
| 5. around to the other   | e. sky           |
| 6. at the speed          | f. of the planet |
| 7. the volcano's effects | g. booms         |
| 8. affected the weather  | h. of sound      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The volcanic eruption (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and tsunami waves around the world. People (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 10,000km away in Alaska. The eruption even lifted clouds (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK, which is 16,500km from Tonga. UK scientists (10) \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of clouds. One UK scientist said the atmosphere was "a remarkably interconnected thing". He said: "What happens on one side of the planet can [spread] around to the other side at the (11) \_\_\_\_\_." NASA has said the volcano's effects reached space. The volcano (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the 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) \_\_\_\_\_

