

Earthquakes & Volcanoes

The planet Earth can be a dangerous place. There are many animals, but the Earth itself can be wild. The coasts around the Pacific Ocean are sometimes called the Ring of Fire because there are so many volcanoes and earthquakes.

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Earthquakes are when the ground shakes. Tiny earthquakes happen all the time all around the world, but they are too small for people to feel. Big earthquakes are rare. Two of the places they happen most often are California and Japan. Big earthquakes can destroy buildings when they happen on land and can cause huge waves when they happen under water. These waves are called tsunamis.

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Volcanoes are places where the surface of the Earth is thin, and the hot, liquid rock underneath flows out or even explodes. When this happens, it is called an eruption. Hawaii, in the Pacific Ocean, has several volcanoes that are constantly erupting. Hawaii is steadily growing because the liquid rock hardens and makes new land.

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Where do earthquakes happen most often?

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What do people call a huge wave caused by an earthquake underwater?

Was Hawaii created by one volcano?