

Volcanoes and Earthquakes - Sample Answer

Foundation Paper 1

Question

For an earthquake or volcanic eruption you have studied, describe the ways in which people responded to the disaster.
(4 marks)

Sample Answer - Gaining 2 marks

People call in medic supplies such as tents and extra food in case of evacuation. Heavy lift equipment with emergency standby station with hospital ready to receive injured people.

In the answer above there is no relation to an earthquake or volcano. This pupil also only describes 2 ways in which people have responded to the disaster. So therefore this pupil would only get 2 marks. To improve this answer the pupil could have included an example of either a volcano or earthquake e.g. the Gujarat earthquake in India. As it is a 4 mark question, this pupil would have to describe at least 3 ways in which people have responded to the volcanic eruption or the earthquake to get full marks.

We will now compare the sample answer above to the sample answer below, how many marks would you give this out of 4?

Question

For an earthquake or volcanic eruption you have studied, describe the ways in which people responded to the disaster. (4 marks)

Sample Answer - Gaining 4 marks

On an island still owned by the British colony a volcano called Mount Montserrat erupted in 1995. Everyone had to flee to the North of the island as that was the safest point. The main town Plymouth was no longer in use. After the eruption the British government was going to give £2000 to each person who leaves the island but they demanded 20,000 per adult after the effects.

The pupil above gained full marks in the same question. They used Montserrat as an example of a volcanic eruption so gained 1 mark for this. They also describe 3 ways in which people responded to this volcanic disaster. By doing so, this pupil gained full marks for this question.