**Volcanic Vocabulary Terms & Definitions Answer Key**

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| **CRUST:** the solid top layer of the earth, including the continents and the land under the oceans |
| **MANTLE:** the liquid layer of the earth below the crust |
| **MAGMA:** hot molten (liquid) rock below the earth’s surface |
| **LAVA:** hot molten rock that flows from a volcano |
| **PLATES:** large chunks of the earth’s crust that “float” on top of the mantle |
| **VENT:** the opening through which volcanic material comes out |
| **CRATER:** a large hole formed by the explosion or collapse of a volcanic vent |
| **LAVA LAKE:** a pool of molten lava contained in a vent or crater |
| **HOTSPOT:** area in the earth’s crust where magma rises and pushes through the surface |