

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

VOLCANOES: DANGERS AND BENEFITS



There are fifteen capital cities in the world (1) _____ a position to be wipe out (2) _____ seriously damaged (3) _____ volcanic eruptions. So why then (4) _____ people continue to live in such dangerous areas? Many of these people (5) _____ poor and (6) _____ no choice, while (7) _____ disregard the risk, (8) _____ is, after (9) _____, rather smaller (10) _____ the risks involved (11) _____ smoking or driving a car. (12) _____ attracts people (13) _____ volcanic areas is fertile land. The soils (14) _____ volcanic ashes are light, easily work, drain well and are full (15) _____ plant nutrients. A light fall of ash, although (16) _____ may destroy one year's crop, often pays the farmer back (17) _____ future years by the fertility it adds to the soil. Coffee in Colombia, vines in Italy and rice in Japan are just a (18) _____ of the crops that flourish (19) _____ volcanic soils.

In Italy, Japan, New Zealand, the United States (20) _____ Iceland the subterranean heat from volcanoes (21) _____ used in geothermal power stations (22) _____ generate electricity. In many places, the way in (23) _____ the flows of lava concentrate minerals (24) _____ them attractive (25) _____ mining companies. There (26) _____ growing evidence (27) _____ gold is among the minerals collected (28) _____ volcanic flows, and the diamond-mining industry in South Africa (29) _____ advantage of the huge pressures within past volcanoes which (30) _____ produced diamonds.

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