

Reader's Companion

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Lava Boat Tour!

The boat drew closer, and we could see the hot red lava flow off the land and into the water. It changed from bright red to black as it cooled. “This lava came all the way from the crater at the top of the volcano, traveling miles to get here. Sometimes lava covers roads that are in its path.”

From her pocket Kala took a gray stone and a shiny lump of black glass. “This isn’t glass from a window. This is volcanic glass. It forms when lava cools really fast. This other stone is called pumice.” She handed it to me; it was scratchy and rough, and full of holes. “It shows that the lava cooled slowly. The holes are evidence that the lava contained a lot of gases trapped inside it.”

Use What You Know

List three things you know about lava.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Genre



Underline one sentence that describes pumice.

Reading Strategy

Circle the title. What does it tell you about the reading?

