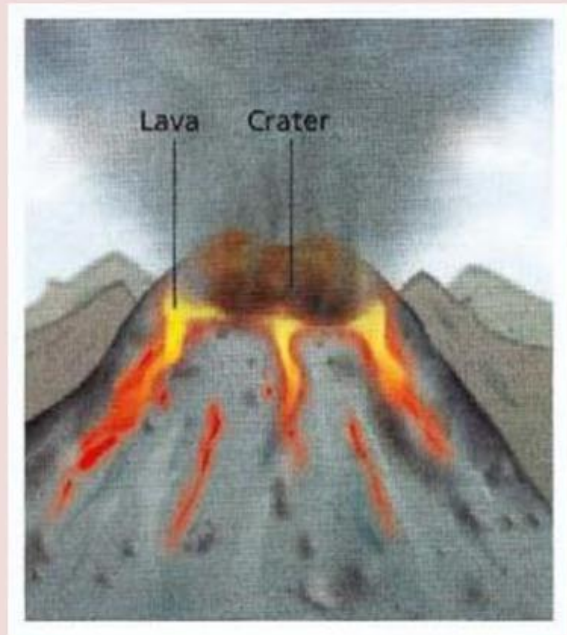


Practice—Present Continuous

Instructions: Complete the text with the present continuous form of the verb in parentheses. Look up the highlighted words (and any other words that you are not familiar with) in the dictionary.

Surprising News

Good afternoon, everybody. I (speak) _____ from Mt. Surprising, the giant volcano. A team of scientists (visit) _____ the volcano, and I am here for Big TV, just in case anything exciting happens. I (stand) _____ here near the top of the crater, and (look) _____ down into the volcano. At the moment, the four scientists (climb) _____ down into the crater. It doesn't look very dangerous, I must say, but they (wear) _____ special protective clothing, and a rescue team (stand by) _____ just in case. A little bit of smoke (rise) _____ from the volcano, but that's normal. Now the scientists (set up) _____ their equipment. They (try) _____ to collect some gas, which will help them to understand what (go on) _____ under the volcano.



Wait a minute! Something (happen) _____! The ground (shake) _____! The four scientists (climb) _____ out of the volcano as quickly as they can. They (shout) _____ something as well. I think it's time to leave!