

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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