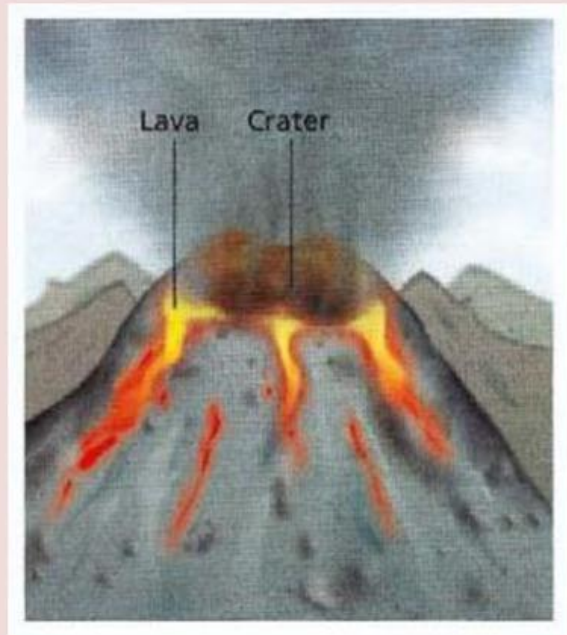


## Practice—Present Continuous

*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!