

Reading Comprehension: The Eruption of La Palma Volcano (2º ESO)

In September 2021, the volcano **Cumbre Vieja**, located on **La Palma** in the Canary Islands, erupted after 50 years of being inactive. The eruption lasted for **85 days**, making it the **longest** eruption ever recorded on the island. The lava destroyed **thousands of buildings** and **roads**, and over **7,000 people** had to evacuate their homes. The ash affected the air quality and flights were cancelled.

Many scientists studied the eruption to understand how volcanoes behave. Today, the island is recovering slowly, and people are rebuilding their lives.

Activity 1: Multiple Choice. Choose the correct answer.

1. Where is the volcano "Cumbre Vieja" located?

- a) In mainland Spain
- b) In the Canary Islands
- c) In South America

2. How long did the eruption last?

- a) 10 days
- b) 50 days
- c) 85 days

3. How many people had to leave their homes?

- a) More than 7,000
- b) Less than 1,000
- c) No one

4. What did the eruption destroy?

- a) Only trees
- b) Buildings and roads
- c) Schools only

5. What did scientists do during the eruption?

- a) Escaped the island
- b) Studied the volcano
- c) Built new roads

Activity 2: Complete the sentences with the correct word. Choose from: **ash, lava, volcano, eruption, scientists.**

1. The **"Cumbre Vieja"** erupted in 2021.
2. Thedestroyed many houses.
3. The air was full of..... making it hard to breathe.
4. Manystudied the eruption.
5. Thelasted for 85 days.

