

Positive and Negative Effects of a Volcanic Eruption

Tourists (n): people who travel to new places to see interesting things in different places. Tourists can spend a lot of money and that helps the countries they visit.

Fertile (adj): healthy and full of things that living things need to survive.

Agriculture (n): Farming

Generating (v): creating, making

Settlements (n): communities

Positive	Negative
The dramatic scenery created by volcanic eruptions attracts tourists. This brings income to an area.	Many lives can be lost as a result of a volcanic eruption.
The lava and ash deposited during an eruption breaks down to provide valuable nutrients for the soil. This creates very fertile soil which is good for agriculture	If the ash and mud from a volcanic eruption mix with rain water or melting snow, fast moving mudflows are created. These flows are called <i>lahars</i> / lahar : <i>A destructive volcanic landslide or mudflow, consisting of a mixture of volcanic debris, mud, rock and water..</i>
The high level of heat and activity inside the Earth, close to a volcano, can provide opportunities for generating geothermal energy.	Lava flows and lahars can destroy settlements and clear areas of woodland or agriculture.
	Human and natural landscapes can be destroyed and changed forever.