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Italy's two large volcanoes

Italy has two large volcanoes. The map shows they are both in the South of Italy. The volcanoes are Mount Etna on the island of Sicily, and Mount Vesuvius near Naples.

A volcano that is likely to have an eruption is called an active volcano. If the volcano is dead and an eruption is not likely, the volcano is extinct. A sleeping volcano is said to be dormant.

Etna and Vesuvius are active volcanoes.

In the year 79 A.D. it was thought that Vesuvius was dormant but there was a big eruption. Ash and mud from the eruption covered the settlements of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Many people were killed.

Today, Etna is the largest active volcano in Europe. When there is an eruption, the lava flows down the sides of the volcano and destroys the farms on its



slopes.

- 1) Name the two large volcanoes in Italy.
- 2) Describe the difference between an active and a dormant volcano.
- 3) What is an extinct volcano?
- 4) Which kinds of volcanoes are dangerous for us?