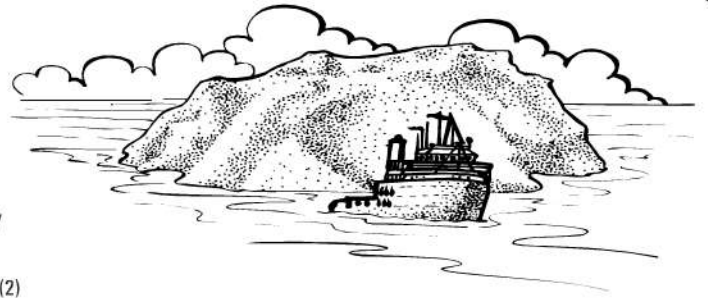


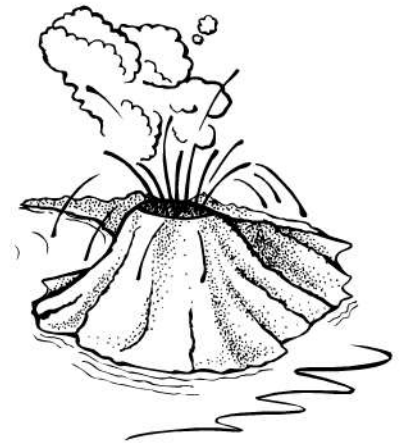
Islands

An island is an area of land which is⁽¹⁾ than a continent and completely surrounded by water. Islands⁽²⁾



in many different sizes—some are as small as⁽³⁾ football field! A small island is called an islet.⁽⁴⁾ is the largest island in the world but it⁽⁵⁾ called a continent because of its great size. Greenland⁽⁶⁾ known as the largest island even though it is⁽⁷⁾ the size of Australia.

Islands are formed in five⁽⁸⁾ ways. They can be made from coral, volcanoes or⁽⁹⁾ build up of sand and soil. They may also⁽¹⁰⁾ formed when parts of a continent break away, or⁽¹¹⁾ the tectonic plates that make up the Earth's crust⁽¹²⁾ together.



Islands can contain many interesting plants and animals.⁽¹³⁾ have been left alone on islands for thousands of⁽¹⁴⁾ and are now different from their relatives on the⁽¹⁵⁾. Australian mammals such as kangaroos and koalas are prime⁽¹⁶⁾ of these. They cannot be found in the⁽¹⁷⁾ anywhere else in the world.

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