

from Volcano**Vocabulary Check**■ *Interactive Reading*, page 189**Reading Standard 1.1** Identify idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes in prose and poetry.**Vocabulary Development**

avalanche , <i>noun</i>	large mass of snow, ice, earth, or rock sliding suddenly down a mountainside
scorched , <i>verb</i>	burned
scalding , <i>adjective</i>	boiling hot
scouring , <i>verb</i>	removing by scraping

A. Words in Context

Use the words above to complete this paragraph.

When Mount St. Helens suddenly erupted in 1980, an earthquake triggered an (1) _____. An eruption sent up (2) _____ blasts of steam that (3) _____ and destroyed everything nearby. (4) _____ the countryside was a “stone wind” of steam and rocks that leveled everything in its path.

B. Similes and Metaphors

For each item below, write what two objects are compared. Then, circle the word that identifies the figure of speech as a simile or a metaphor.

1. Rocks as big as cars shot out of the mountain.
What two things are being compared?
_____ and _____ metaphor or simile
2. The volcano was a giant pressure cooker.
What two things are being compared?
_____ and _____ metaphor or simile
3. The trees fell over like bowling pins.
What two things are being compared?
_____ and _____ metaphor or simile
4. The volcano was a fire-breathing dragon.
What two things are being compared?
_____ and _____ metaphor or simile