Definitions:

**ash cloud** - an ash cloud is the cloud of ash that forms in the air after some volcanic eruptions.

**conduit** - a conduit is a passage through which magma (molten rock) flows in a volcano.

**crust** - the crust is Earth's outermost, rocky layer.

**lava** - lava is molten rock; it usually comes out of erupting volcanoes.

**magma chamber** - a magma chamber contains magma (molten rock) deep within the Earth's crust.

**side vent** - a side vent is a vent in the side of a volcano.

**vent** - a vent is an opening in the Earth's surface through which volcanic materials erupt.