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# Vocabulary • Dictionary

- You can use a **dictionary** to find the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- The words in a **dictionary** are listed in **alphabetical order**.

**Directions** Read the sentences below. One word is underlined. Use the sample dictionary page to write the definition of the underlined word on the line.

## earthquake • volcano

**earthquake** *n.* a movement of the plates that make up Earth's crust

**erupt** *v.* to explode outward

**lava** *n.* melted rock that flows from a volcano

**predict** *v.* to make a statement about what will happen later

**trembles** *v.* shakes

**volcano** *n.* a mountain that erupts, shooting lava, rocks, and hot ash onto Earth's surface

1. Scientists knew that the volcano was about to erupt.

**to explode outward**

2. The volcano shot hot ash high into the air.

**a mountain that erupts, shooting lava, rocks, and hot ash  
onto Earth's surface**

3. Scientists can predict when an earthquake will occur.

**to guess what will happen later**

4. The earthquake damaged a lot of buildings in the city.

**a movement of the plates that make up Earth's crust**

5. During an earthquake, the surface of the earth above it trembles.

**shakes**

6. Some volcanoes send streams of lava flowing over the ground.

**melted rock that flows from a volcano**



**Home Activity** Your child identified and used vocabulary words from *Volcanoes*. Read a story or nonfiction book about earthquakes or volcanoes. Encourage your child to use a dictionary to find the meaning of unfamiliar words.