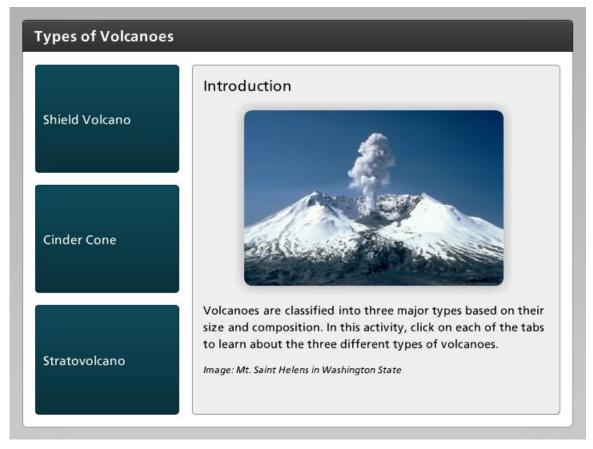
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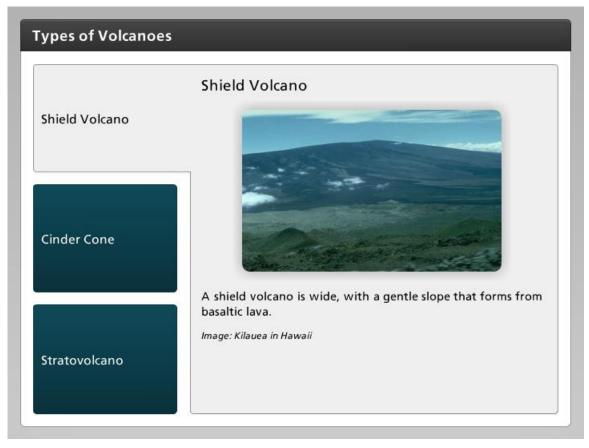


Volcanoes are classified into three major types based on their size and composition. In this activity, click on each of the tabs to learn about the three different types of volcanoes.

Image: Mt. Saint Helens in Washington State



Shield Volcano

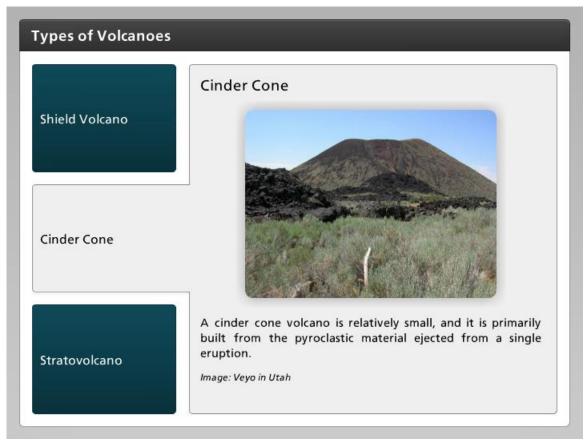


A shield volcano is wide, with a gentle slope that forms from basaltic lava.

Image: Kilauea in Hawaii



Cinder Cone



A cinder cone volcano is relatively small, and it is primarily built from the pyroclastic material ejected from a single eruption.

Image: Veyo in Utah



Stratovolcano

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