

# The explosion

On the 24<sup>th</sup> August , the day began like any other in the glorious city of Pompeii , Mount Vesuvius exploded in an almighty eruption which covered the city . It was buried in 9 meters of ash and rocks . Lava poured down the mountain side and burned everything.

People were trapped and killed because they breathed in the hot ash . before the eruption Pompeii was beautiful , elegant and colourful with a pretty market . Vesuvius had never erupted before then. Its now a dormant volcano.

To the Romans, the eruption was an earthquake. The sky filled with ash and suffocated



many. Ash rained down and buried the rest.

The day turned to night because the ash was so thick. Molten rocks rained down from the sky. The eruption was so powerful it blew the side off.



After the eruption , the ash was 9 m deep. Ash still rained down . 1000s died a horrible death.

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