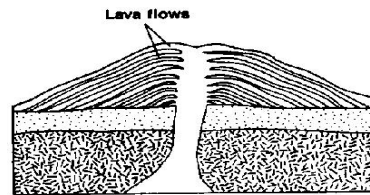


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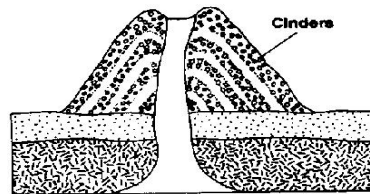
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TYPES OF VOLCANOES

SHIELD VOLCANOES have gentle slopes, like a shield, because they are made of many layers of a kind of volcanic rock that flows easily when melted. This kind of rock is called BASALT. When it flows out of the vent it forms thin layers sloping away from the crater. Some shield volcanoes get to be very large. The volcanoes which make up the islands of Hawaii are shield volcanoes.



CINDER CONES are made of bits of a kind of volcanic rock called ANDESITE. Sometimes there are bits of basalt, too. These bits of rock are called cinders. They may be tiny, like ash, or larger, like gravel. They get blown out of the vent and harden in the air. When they land, they pile up around the crater to form a steep cone. Cinder cones are often smaller than shield volcanoes, and they wear away easily.



COMPOSITE CONES are made of layers of cinders between layers of lava. The layers of cinders make the sides steep, and the layers of hardened lava keep them from wearing away fast. Many famous volcanic volcanoes like Mt. St. Helens in the state of Washington are composite cones.

