

In Iceland, stories about trolls have been told to explain some of the many interesting rock shapes that can be found all over the island.



The story in this pack has been inspired by a traditional Icelandic folktale. The names have been simplified to make it easier for you to read because the Icelandic alphabet is a bit different from ours. The story explains how some amazing rocks called 'sea stacks' were created. This story has been told many, many times over the years.

Before we read the story, let's make sure we know some of the technical words.

## Glossary

**volcano:** *a mountain, usually shaped like a cone, with a large hole in the middle (called a crater), where hot, molten rock (called magma) and hot gas from the centre of the Earth erupts. Volcanoes can cause terrible destruction.*



Further Background Information on Volcanoes from BBC Bitesize. Type in the link below to learn more:

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/zd9cxyc)

**cave:** *a hole in rocks or mountains big enough for a person (or a troll!) to go into.*

**three-masted ship:** *large sailing ship powered by the wind with three masts for the many sails.*

