**Natural Disaster Statistics**

**Volcanoes:**

More than 80% of the earth's surface is made up of volcanic rock. Numerous volcanic explosions shaped the sea floor and some mountains. The earth's atmosphere was produced by gaseous eruptions from volcanoes.

There are over 500 active volcanoes scattered around the world mostly found near the pacific ocean.

Every year, approximately 50-70 volcanoes erupt on average. Some of them explode more than once, while others only erupt once. The average number of separate eruptions every year is somewhere between 60 and 80.

A graph that shows how many volcanoes erupt per year from 1790 to 1990. A dramatic increase in the number of eruptions can be seen through the years.