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Diamonds are the most famous and valuable jewel in the world. It is difficult to cut a diamond because it is the 21 substance (物质) found in nature. The diamond is believed to be the symbol of wealth (财富的象征) for its great 22 . Also, it has the meaning of eternity (永恒), so diamond rings are 23 used as wedding jewelry.

When a volcano (火山) is 24 , it sometimes erupts (爆发) and causes great damage to the nearby towns. However, at the same 25 , diamonds were pushed towards the surface of the Earth. Thus, it may be 26 to find a diamond after a volcanic eruption. Besides, diamonds are also found among the sand and stones of certain river beds, because the rain 27 them down the mountain sides.

There are not many places that 28 diamonds in the world. During the last century, adventurers from Europe went to Brazil, because they heard that there were diamonds in the Amazon River. Many of these early diamond miners 29 illness or were lost forever in the great forests. But some 30 home rich.

The earliest known diamonds were found in India many centuries ago. But most of the world's diamonds now come from the Congo, Tanzania and South Africa.

21．A．weakest B．simplest C．hardest D．darkest

22．A．value B．colour C．light D．smell

23．A．secretly B．widely C．hardly D．quietly

24．A．active B．special C．relaxed D．missing

25．A．mark B．time C．step D．chance

26．A．important B．difficult C．happy D．possible

27．A．cut B．slowed C．washed D．turned

28．A．borrow B．produce C．spend D．collect

29．A．talked about B．picked up C．took away D．died of

30．A．stayed B．built C．returned D．brought