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Quick Questions

1. Find a word in the opening paragraph which means very hot.

2. Find two reasons why Mount Michael volcano is hard to explore.
 1. _____
 2. _____
3. Why do you think scientists are excited by this discovery?

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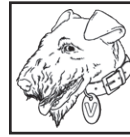
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Answers

1. Find a word in the opening paragraph which means very hot.
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2. Find two reasons why Mount Michael volcano is hard to explore.
Accept any two answers from it is very steep, it is nearly a thousand metres tall or explorers would have to dig their way through powdery snow to reach the top.
3. Why do you think scientists are excited by this discovery?
Accept any reasonable answer which refers to how rare larva lakes are, e.g. I think scientists are excited this discovery as larva lakes are very rare and it's surprising to find one in the Antarctic region.
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