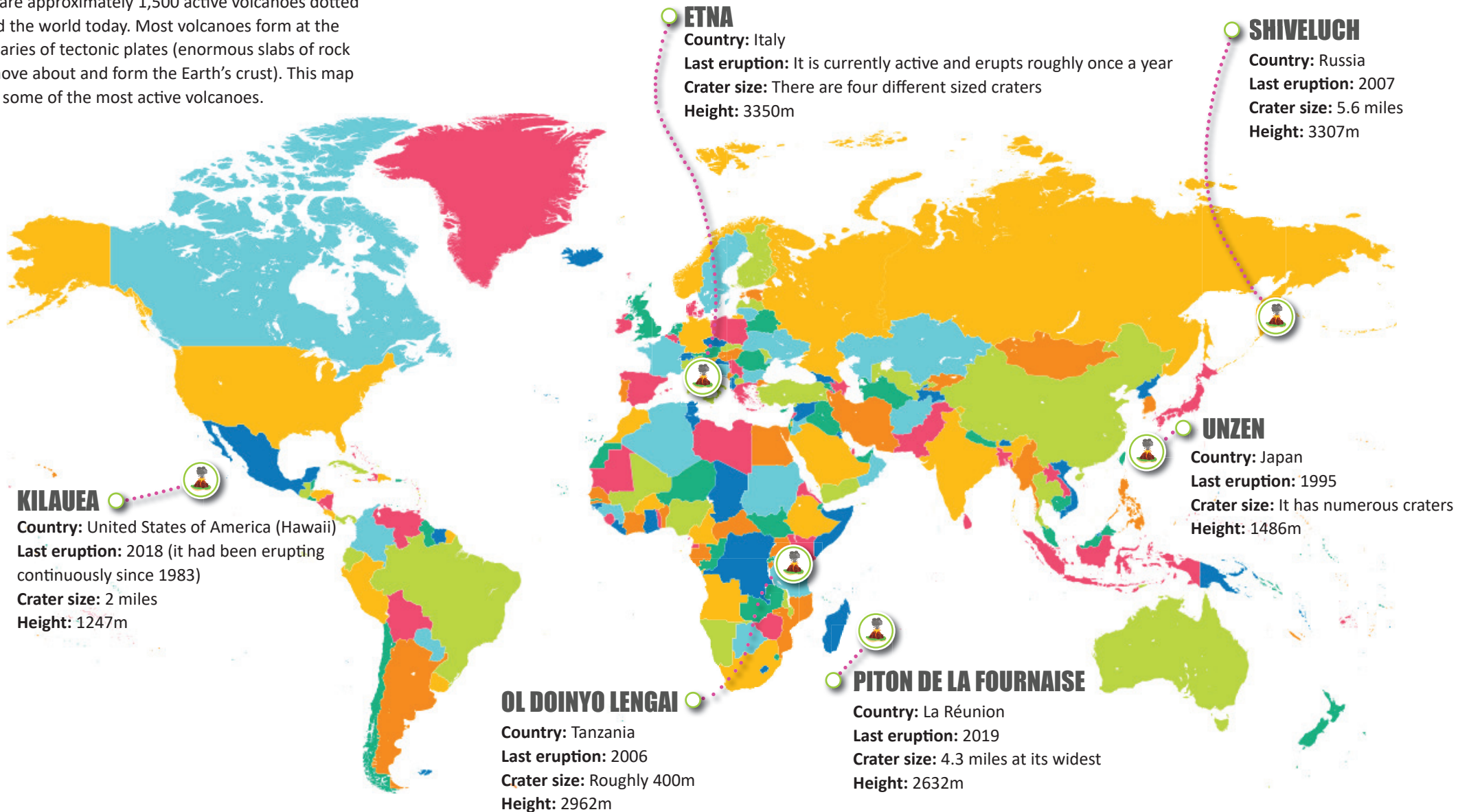


There are approximately 1,500 active volcanoes dotted around the world today. Most volcanoes form at the boundaries of tectonic plates (enormous slabs of rock that move about and form the Earth's crust). This map shows some of the most active volcanoes.



SUMMARY FOCUS

1. Which volcanoes have more than one crater?
2. Which volcano has been dormant (hasn't erupted) for the longest?
3. Order the volcanoes in order of height, from smallest to largest.
4. Of the volcanoes with crater measurements, which is the smallest?
5. Why hasn't Etna got a last eruption date?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

I

Why is the number of active volcanoes only given as “approximately 1,500”?

V

Which word tells you that volcanoes form on the edge of tectonic plates?

R

Which volcano is in the United States of America?

V

Find a word that tells you that Unzen has more than one crater.

R

Which volcano had been erupting for over 20 years before it stopped?

Answers:

1. Etna and Unzen
2. Unzen
3. Kilauea, Unzen, Piton de la Fournaise, Ol Doinyo Lengai, Shiveluch, Etna
4. Ol Doinyo Lengai
5. It erupts roughly once a year and so the last eruption date will change often

I: It is hard to track exactly when a volcano is active or extinct/there are lots of smaller volcanoes that are hard to count

V: Boundary(ies)

R: Kilauea

V: Numerous

R: Kilauea