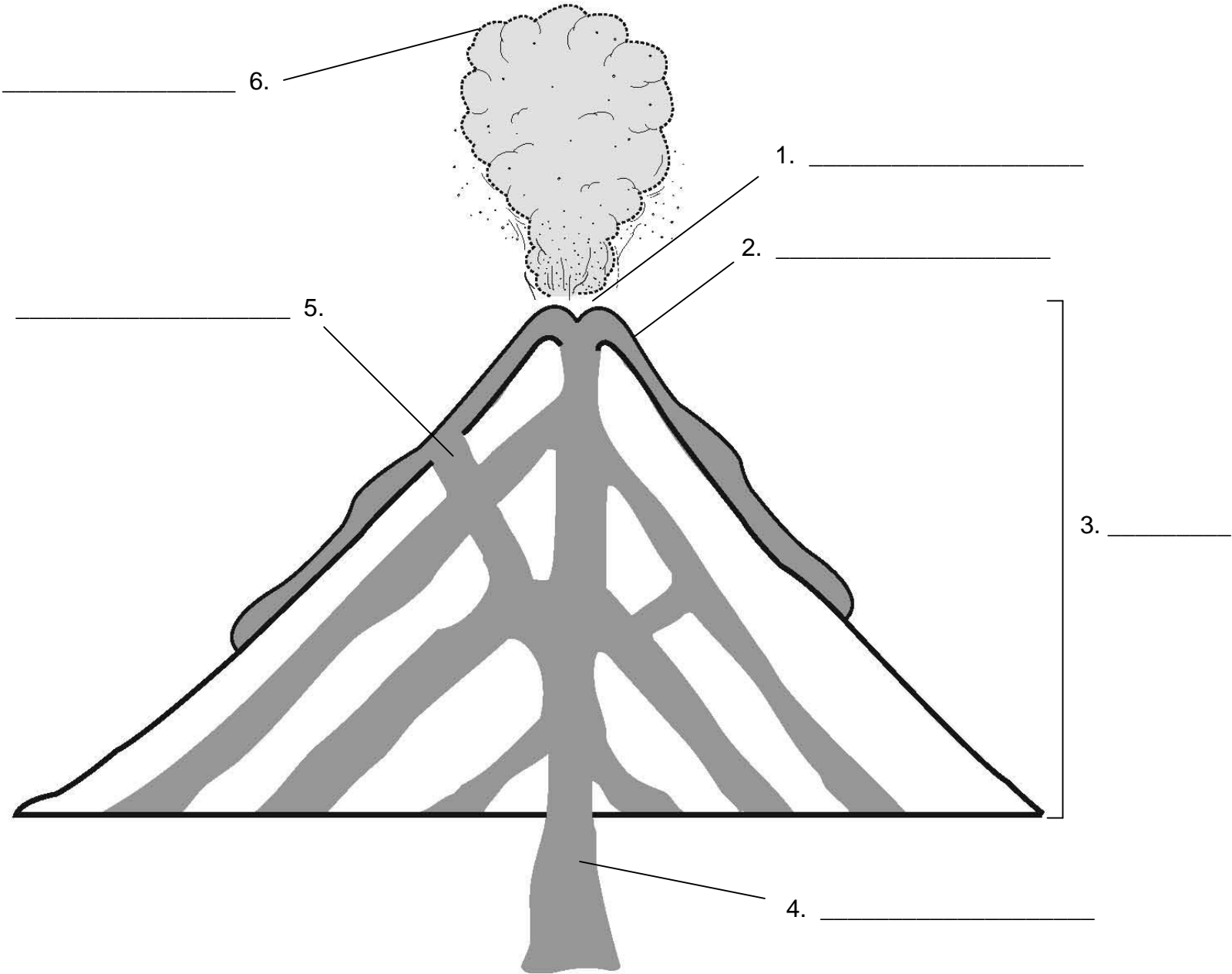


Parts of a Volcano

Directions: Use the terms in the word bank to label the parts of the volcano.



Word Bank

magma	lava	vent
crater	cone	dust, ash, and rock

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Answer key

Volcanoes begin with a crack or a weak spot in the earth's surface. The crack reaches between 20 and 40 miles inside the earth to a pocket of melted rock called magma. This hot molten rock is slowly pushed up to the earth's surface. A volcanic cone and cup-shaped crater form at the top of the volcano. The pressure is released in a volcanic eruption. The magma, now called lava, pours from the crater. Some volcanoes throw out clouds of gas, steam, dust, ash, and rock many miles up into the atmosphere.

