

# *My Mouth is A Volcano – Reading Guide*

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Themes: conversational turn-taking, patience, respect, empathy

Lesson/Notes: Models practical idea to keep from blurting out and explains why interrupting is rude.

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## Discussion Questions

- *How did Louis feel when Courtney and Richard interrupted him?*
- *How do you feel when people interrupt you?*
- *What did Louis learn to do to keep himself from interrupting? Did it work?*
- *When is it okay to interrupt? (emergency)*

## Activity: Erupting Volcano

Supplies: construction paper or tissue paper (red, orange, brown), glue, markers

- Review skills to keep one from interrupting.
  - Bite down on your words.
  - Breathe words out through nose.
  - When it's your turn to speak, breathe words back in through mouth.
- Make an erupting volcano by gluing tissue paper or torn pieces of construction paper and/or using markers. Child can choose a memorable title/caption like *Catch My Words So I Don't Erupt* or *Wait My Turn to Speak*.

