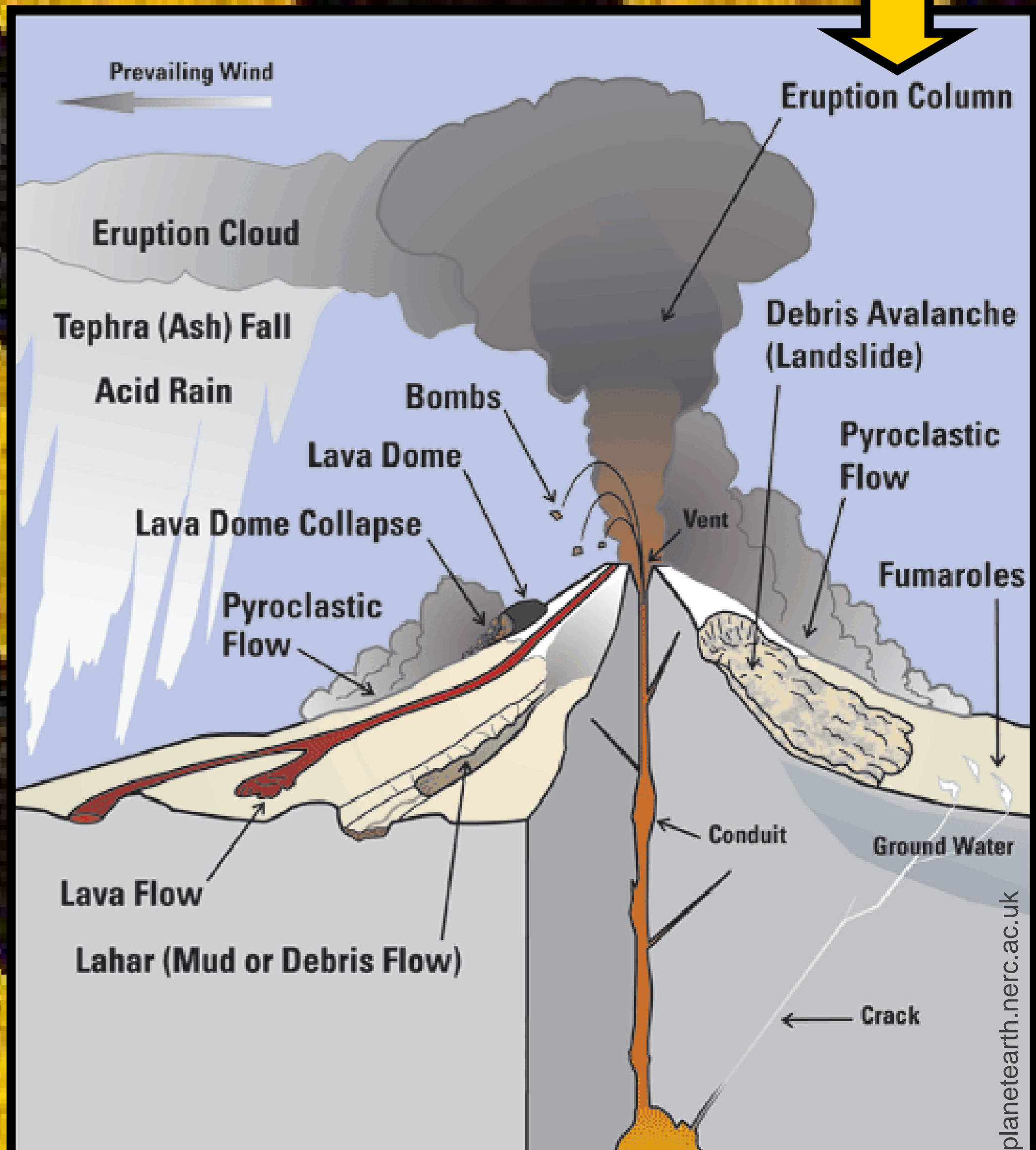


Volcanoes

Volcanoes erupt gas, ash, lava, and pumice onto the Earth's surface.



Some volcanoes, like Etna (Italy) are very close to towns and cities. Scientists monitor these volcanoes very carefully to try and keep people safe.



There are many different hazards associated with volcanoes.



Some volcanic eruptions are explosive; some are effusive (gentle).



Volcanic ash severely damages aeroplanes – this is why European airspace was closed in April 2010.

