

Exploring Plate Tectonics

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SITE: Brain POP - Plate Tectonics

1. _____ was the name of the supercontinent that existed millions of years ago.
2. The surface, or _____, of the Earth is broken into about _____ plates that float on the liquid _____.
3. When the plates move, the _____ shift along with them. We don't notice the ground moving because they only move a few _____ each year.
4. Volcanoes, _____, _____, and trenches occur at active _____ between the plates.
5. Divergent boundaries are where plates are moving _____ and new _____ is created by liquid rock pushing up from the mantle.
6. Convergent boundaries are where plates are moving _____ each other. Sometimes one plate _____, or is subducted under another.
7. Transform boundaries are where plates _____ horizontally past one each other and cause _____.
8. The plates are always _____ slowly changing the face of the _____.

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1. What are the three main parts of the earth? Give a brief description for each.
2. The plates that make up the crust fit together like pieces of a _____.
3. Which plate do we live on? _____ (Hint: Earth Map)
4. We live on the earth's outermost layer. What is it called? _____
5. Match each description using a C for continental plates or O for oceanic plates.
_____ Crust that "carries" the ocean
_____ Crust that "carries" the continents; may also contain oceans
_____ Less dense and tends not to subduct
_____ More dense and tends to be subducted
6. How do plates move? Write a description using the terms magma, plates, and convection currents.
7. What happens at a convergent boundary? Explain and draw a diagram!