

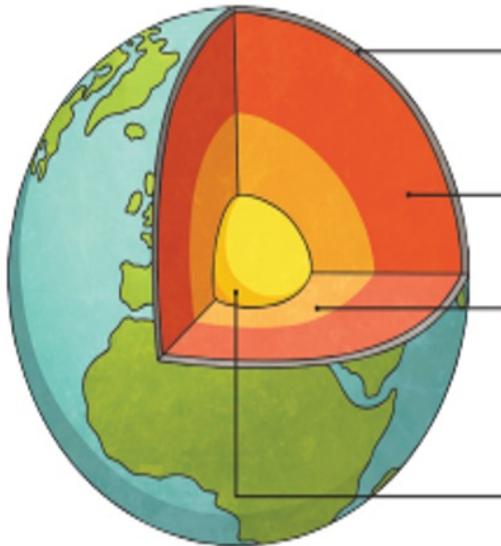
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Cumulonimbus Cloud	Large thunderstorm clouds
Erupt	To suddenly burst out causing lava to explode out of the earth's surface.
Fossils	The remains of plants or animals that lived a long time ago which can be found deep in the earth
Magma	Extremely hot, liquid rock.
Tectonic Plates	The earth's crust is made up of large areas called tectonic plates that join together.

Layers of Earth



Crust

Thin outer layer. Hard rock. 10km-90km thick.

Mantle

Extremely hot rock that flows. 3000km thick.

Outer core

Iron and nickel. Mostly liquid with some rocky parts. 4000°C.

Inner core

Iron and nickel. Hottest layer at over 5000°C.



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Tornadoes

- ✓ A tornado is a swirling funnel of air that forms when warm air rises from near the ground into big cumulonimbus clouds.
- ✓ There can be thunder and lightening at the same time.
- ✓ You can see tornadoes due to the dust and water droplets caught in the clouds.
- ✓ Storm chasers are film-makers and scientists who head towards storms. They film the tornadoes and collect data about them.
- ✓ Most tornadoes happen in Tornado Alley in America – more than 500 each year.
- ✓ Tornadoes can happen in the UK but only around 30 per year.

Earthquakes

- ✓ Earthquakes are caused when the earth's tectonic plates suddenly move.
- ✓ Most earthquakes occur near the tectonic plate boundaries.
- ✓ Earthquakes can cause lots of damage to roads, buildings and property.

Tsunamis

- ✓ A tsunami is a giant wave caused by a huge earthquake under the ocean.
- ✓ The earthquake causes a large amount of water to be displaced very quickly causing a series of waves.
- ✓ As the waves travel through shallower water near land, they get bigger and bigger. The wave crashes onto the land causing devastation to buildings and sometimes even lives.

Volcanoes

- ✓ Volcanoes are made when pressure builds up inside the earth. This affects the earth's crust causing magma to sometimes erupt through it.
- ✓ Active volcanoes have erupted in the last 10,000 years.
- ✓ Dormant volcanoes haven't erupted in the last 10,000 years but may erupt again.
- ✓ Extinct volcanoes aren't expected to erupt again.