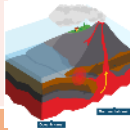
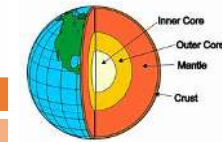


Tectonic Hazards

Types of Plate Margins

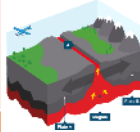
Destructive Plate Margin

When the denser plate subducts beneath the other, friction causes it to melt and become molten magma. The magma forces its way up to the surface to form a volcano. This margin is also responsible for devastating earthquakes.



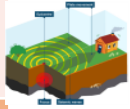
Constructive Plate Margin

Here two plates are moving apart causing new magma to reach the surface through the gap. Volcanoes formed along this crack cause a submarine mountain range such as those in the Mid Atlantic Ridge.



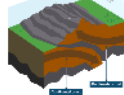
Conservative Plate Margin

A conservative plate boundary occurs where plates slide past each other in opposite directions, or in the same direction but at different speeds. This is responsible for earthquakes such as the ones happening along the San Andreas Fault, USA.



Collision Zones

Collision zones form when two continental plates collide. Neither plate is forced under the other, and so both are forced up and form fold mountains. These zones are responsible for shallow earthquakes in the Himalayas.



Volcanic Hazards

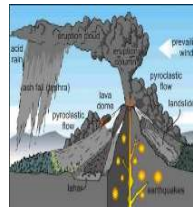
Ash cloud	Small pieces of pulverised rock and glass which are thrown into the atmosphere.
Gas	Sulphur dioxide, water vapour and carbon dioxide come out of the volcano.
Lahar	A volcanic mudflow which usually runs down a valley side on the volcano.
Pyroclastic flow	A fast moving current of super-heated gas and ash (1000°C). They travel at 450mph.
Volcanic bomb	A thick (viscous) lava fragment that is ejected from the volcano.

Managing Volcanic Eruptions

Warning signs	Monitoring techniques
Small earthquakes are caused as magma rises up.	Seismometers are used to detect earthquakes.
Temperatures around the volcano rise as activity increases.	Thermal imaging and satellite cameras can be used to detect heat around a volcano.
When a volcano is close to erupting it starts to release gases.	Gas samples may be taken and chemical sensors used to measure sulphur levels.

Preparation

Creating an exclusion zone around the volcano.	Being ready and able to evacuate residents.
Having an emergency supply of basic provisions, such as food	Trained emergency services and a good communication system.



Depth of Earthquake

Shallow Focus	Deep Focus
-Usually small and common. -Seismic waves spread and damage wide area.	-Occur on destructive margins. -Damage is localised as seismic waves travel vertically.

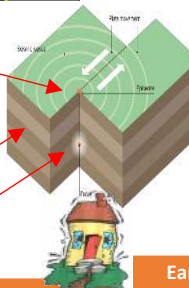
Causes of Earthquakes

Earthquakes are caused when two plates become locked causing friction to build up. From this stress, the pressure will eventually be released, triggering the plates to move into a new position. This movement causes energy in the form of seismic waves, to travel from the focus towards the epicentre. As a result, the crust vibrates triggering an earthquake.

The point directly above the focus, where the seismic waves reach first, is called the **EPICENTRE**.

SEISMIC WAVES (energy waves) travel out from the focus.

The point at which pressure is released is called the **FOCUS**.



How do we measure earthquakes?

Mercalli Scale	Richter Scale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures how much damage is caused, based on observations, not scientific instruments. Base from 'Instrument' and 'Weak' to 'Extreme' and 'Cataclysmic'. Limitations is that its subjective due to it being based on perception. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a scientific measurement based on the energy released. Measured by seismometers using measurement from 1 – 10 Logarithmic – each point up the scale is <u>10 times greater</u> than the one before.

Earthquake Management

PREDICTING

Methods include:

- Satellite surveying (tracks changes in the earth's surface)
- Laser reflector (surveys movement across fault lines)
- Radon gas sensor (radon gas is released when plates move so this finds that)
- Seismometer
- Scientists also use seismic records to predict when the next event will occur.

PROTECTION

You can't stop earthquakes, so earthquake-prone regions follow these three methods to reduce potential damage:

- Building earthquake-resistant buildings
- Raising public awareness
- Improving earthquake prediction

Earthquake proof buildings ideas

1. Counter-weights to the roof to help balance any swaying.	2. Roof made from reinforced cement concrete.
3. Foundations made from reinforced steel pillars, ball-bearings or rubber.	4. Windows fitted with shatter-proof glass to reduce breakage.
5. Lightweight materials that cause minimal damage if fallen.	6. Ensure gas pipes have an automatic shut off to prevent risk of fire.

What is a Tsunami? What causes a Tsunami?

A tsunami is large surge of water (large waves)

It is caused by an earthquake under the ocean, that moves the plates and then the water on top



Case studies

Volcanic eruption – Iceland 2011

Earthquake in a Low income country – Nepal 2015

Earthquake in an advance country – Kobe, Japan 1995

Tsunami – Japan 2011