PLATE TECTONICS ONLINE



ANSWER KEY

+1 for each ANSWER

1. Read the information in the introduction to help you fill in these blanks. Hint: Hit the refresh icon to view it again.

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Earth's outer shell is made of PLATES that contain CONTINENTAL and OCEANIC crust. The place where they meet are called plate BOUNDARIES, which is where most EARTHQUAKES, mountains and VOLCANOES occur.

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2. Click the "Click here to explore" button and then read the directions. Click "To the map" to begin. Document four different earthquakes or volcanoes in the chart below.

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Location & Event	Description (including the plates involved	Facts
(Earthquake, volcano, other?)	and type of boundaries and forces)	(Need at least 2 for each!)
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Site #2: Plate Tectonics Quiz - Use the quiz to help you answer these questions or complete the statements. Note: Puzzle pieces will appear when you choose an answer; however, only correct answers will result in the right piece of the puzzle appearing.

1. CONTINENTAL crust is older than OCEANIC crust.

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- 2. **CONTINENTAL** crust is thicker than **OCEANIC** crust.
- 3. Sea floor **SPREADING** occurs as two oceanic plates move apart, but **SUBDUCTION** occurs when one plate is pushed under another.
- 4. The plates float on the upper **MANTLE**, which is where **MAGMA** comes from to create new crust.
- 5. **EARTHQUAKES** can occur where two plates slip past one another, while fold **MOUNTAINS** can occur when two plates collide.
- 5. **WEGENER** proposed the idea of continental drift and called the supercontinent **PANGAEA** (or PANGEA).

Site #3: UKY Tectonics - Read the introduction and then click MAPS. Select BOUNDARIES and NAMES to start. +1 for each ANSWER

- 1. What is the NAME of the plate we live on? **NORTH AMERICAN**
- 2. What type of boundary occurs where the VELOCITY is the highest? **DIVERGENT**
- 3. What type of boundary occurs between the African plate and the Antarctic plate? TRANSFORM

 (Green line = DIVERGENT)
- 4. How many HOTSPOTS are on the Pacific plate? 4
- 5. Which plate has the most HOTSPOTS? **AFRICAN PLATE**
- 6. Complete this statement: The majority of the EARTHQUAKES and VOLCANOES on Earth occur near plate **BOUNDARIES**.
- 7. Click DETAILS and then use the arrows to find the sections with these answers.
 - A. A DEEP-SEA TRENCH forms where oceanic plate is subducted under a continental plate.
 - B. A continental HOT SPOT is associated with Yellowstone National Park.
 - C. What type of plate boundary occurs at a mid-ocean ridge? **DIVERGENT**
 - D. The **HEMALAYAN** mountains were created as two continental plates collided.
 - E. A **STRIKE-SLIP** fault is associated with transform plate boundaries.
 - F. The chain of islands created by the oceanic hot spot on the Pacific Ocean shows the plate is moving in a NORTHWESTWARD direction.