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# Earthquakes

Earth Science

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## Review: Earthquakes

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**Directions:** Carefully read over the checklist of items that you need to know for the “Earthquakes” test. Be sure to attend extra help if you have any questions.

### EARTH’S INTERIOR

- Terms to Know: lithosphere, Moho, asthenosphere, mantle, outer core, inner core
- Earth Science Reference Tables: Inferred Properties of Earth’s Interior
- Earth’s interior is known through the study of seismic waves
- Continental Crust - granitic, thicker and has a density of 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Oceanic Crust - basaltic, thinner and has a density of 3.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Asthenosphere is where convection current take place due to density differences
- Outer Core is liquid... seriously!
- Inner Core is solid and made up of iron [Fe] and Nickel [Ni]

### EARTHQUAKES

- Terms to Know: earthquake, fault, epicenter, focus, seismograph
- P-wave - compressional wave, fastest wave and travel through solids, liquids and gases
- S-wave - shear wave, slower wave and travel through solids only
- Shadow Zone - area in which seismic waves are not detected due to the liquid outer core

### LOCATING EPICENTERS

- Mercalli Scale - qualitative intensity scale based on an earthquakes effects to an area
- Richter Scale - quantitative measurement of energy released during an earthquake [logarithmic]
- Three [3] seismic stations are needed to locate an earthquakes epicenter
- Earth Science Reference Tables: Earthquake P-Wave and S-Wave Travel Time
- Know the steps to locate an epicenter:
  1. Find the arrival time difference between the p-wave and s-wave
  2. Use scrap paper to mark the time difference [ESRT]
  3. Slide the scrap paper until it fits perfectly between the S-wave & P-wave lines
  4. Look straight down for the “Epicenter Distance”
  5. Draw a circle from the seismograph station for the distance [safety compass]
  6. Repeat steps 1-5 for two additional seismograms
  7. Find the intersecting point and mark it with an “X”

### EARTHQUAKES AND HAZARDS

- In an earthquake → drop and take cover
- Tsunami - long high sea wave caused by an underwater earthquake
- In a tsunami → run to higher ground