

## Seismic Waves

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Waves of energy that travel through the earth's crust as a result of earthquakes

#### Seismologist

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A person who studies earthquakes and seismic waves

#### Seismograph

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This is an instrument that measures movements in the earth's crust caused by earthquakes or volcanoes

#### **P-Waves**

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These are the primary waves of an earthquake and go largely undetected by humans





#### **Aftershock**

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Follows the largest shocks of an earthquake. They often cause the most structural damage as infrastructure is weakened

### **Epicentre**

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The closest surface point above the focus

#### Focus

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This is the origin of the seismic waves

#### **Faultline**

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A fracture in the earth's crust, where earthquakes commonly occur





## Plutonic Features

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Underground features, also known as intrusive features, for example batholiths or lopoliths

## Volcanic Features

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Above-ground features, also known as extrusive features, for example volcanoes or lava plateaus

## Viscosity

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This is the stickiness of the lava, it is determined by the presence of silica and the presence or absence of other gases

#### **Acidic Lava**

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Lava with a high viscosity level and that will have an explosive eruption due to the build-up of pressure from trapped gases, e.g. Mount Etna





**Basic Lava** 

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Lava with a low viscosity level and that will have a non-explosive eruption as the gases have escaped, e.g. Mauna Loa

## **Pyroclast**

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The material resulted from a volcanic eruption

## **Tephra**

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These are rock fragments in the pyroclast resulting from a volcanic eruption

#### Pyroclastic Flow

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A cloud of hot air and burning ash capable of travelling at speeds over 600km/h. It is what devastated the city of Pompeii in 79AD





#### tSunami

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A devastatingly large tidal wave that results from an earthquake at sea

## **Immigration**

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The process of people entering a country

## **Emigration**

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The process of people leaving a country

#### **Donor Region**

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The region people are leaving





#### Receiver Region

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## The region people are entering

#### Overpopulation

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Where a country's resources are not capable of supporting the population

#### 'Brain Drain'

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Where the educated youth of a region emigrate in pursuit of greater employment opportunities leaving behind an inadequate workforce

#### **Ethnicity**

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A group of people who share the same cultural values such as language, tradition and religion





#### Culture

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The lifeblood of an ethnic group. It includes sport, language and cuisine, etc.

# Traffic Congestion

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The product of inadequate transport control in a developed urban area

## Urban Sprawl

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This is the outward development of developed urban region into surrounding hinterland

Shanty Towns/Favelas

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The product of uncontrolled and rapid urban sprawl in developing urban regions





### Megacity

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Any city with a population over 10 million, e.g. Sao Paulo

## Central Place Theory

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An explanation to the development of urban areas proposed by Walter Christaller in 1933

### Ribbon/Linear Settlement

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This settlement pattern is a line of houses usually located along a road or coastline

Nucleated/Clustered Settlement

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This is a cluster or group of houses in close proximity, e.g. housing estates





## Dispersed Settlement

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This is where houses are spread over significant distances apart from each other, common in rural areas

**CBD** 

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Central Business
District, the
commercial region of
an urban area

**GDA** 

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Greater Dublin Area, the ever-expanding urban region spreading from Dublin City

## Celtic Settlement

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An era of Celtic presence, evidence includes 'fulacht fias'





## Norman Settlement

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Circa 12<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland, evidence includes castles

## Christian Settlement

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Circa 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland, evidence includes holy wells and high crosses

# Neolithic Settlement

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Circa 4000BC, evidence includes megalithic tombs and upland burial sites or settlements

Geomorphological Region

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A region defined by a distinctive landscape, e.g. The Burren





#### Carbonation

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When raindrops mix with carbon dioxide it forms a weak carbonic acid. This acid reacts with calcium carbonate in a process called carbonation

#### Karst

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This is a region defined by limestone, e.g. The Burren, Co.

# Calcium Carbonate

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This is a component in limestone which reacts with acid rain, causing the rock to be chemically weathered

#### Clint

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This is the slab of rock in limestone





#### Grike

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This is the trench which separates one clint from another in limestone pavement

## Limestone Pavement

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The product of chemical weathering in a karst region

#### **Stalactite**

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These hang from the ceiling of caverns and caves. Think 'c' for ceiling.

## **Stalagmite**

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These form from the ground up in caverns and caves. Think 'g' for ground





#### Pillar

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Forms when a stalactite and stalagmite join

#### Limestone

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## An organic sedimentary rock

# Organic sedimentary rock

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A rock which is formed from the fossils of fish and other sea life and sediments, through lithification

#### Lithification

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The compaction of sediment and fossils to form rock, e.g.





#### **Tectonic Plate**

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The earth is divided into 7 main tectonic plates, these plates collide and separate to form landmasses and shape our world

### Divergent

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These plates, also known as separating plates, pull apart from each other

## Convergent

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These plates, also known as colliding plates, push toward each other

#### **Passive**

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These plates move along the same boundary together, this movement is not frictionless





## Convection Currents

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As rock and metal melt inside the earth, they heat up and rise to the surface before cooling and falling, this process causes convection currents

#### Subduction

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This is where the heavier oceanic plate slides under the other colliding plate

## Endogenic Forces

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These are forces which occur within the earth's surface

## Exogenic Forces

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These are forces which occur on the earth's surface





#### **Erosion**

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The gradual destruction of river features through abrasion, attrition or hydraulic action

### Deposition

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The gradual buildup of material as the result of river transport

# Hydraulic Action

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The sheer force of the river breaking rock off of the bed or sediment from the banks

#### **Abrasion**

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Where rocks in the river's load collide against each other turning each other into smaller, smoother fragments





#### **Attrition**

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Using the river's load to collide and ram against the bed and banks, dislodging material and eroding the river features

#### Solution

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Where material is dissolved and carried along

## Sedimentary

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Sedimentary rocks are formed from the sediment and material of other rocks and living things

#### Lithification

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This is the process in which sediment is compressed to form sedimentary rock





## Organic Sedimentary

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Sedimentary rock formed from fossils and other living things, e.g. Limestone

## Inorganic Sedimentary

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Sedimentary rock formed from the sediment of other rock, e.g. Sandstone

### Igneous

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Rock formed as a result of the cooling of magma or lava, e.g.
Basalt or Granite

#### Metamorphic

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Rock formed under intense heat and pressure, where the chemical and physical composition of the original rock are altered





#### Freeze-Thaw Action

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A form of mechanical weathering which occurs in upland areas, e.g. mountains

#### **Exfoliation**

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A form of mechanical weathering which occurs in regions which a large diurnal temperature range, e.g. deserts

#### Carbonation

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A form of chemical weathering which affects rocks made of calcium carbonate, e.g. limestone

## **Hydrolysis**

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The most common form of chemical weathering in which rock is broken down due to a chemical reaction with water





### Regolith

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The loose rock and material lying on the surface of bedrock

## Constructive Wave

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This is where the swash is stronger than the backwash

## Destructive Wave

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High-frequency waves where the backwash is greater than the swash

## Longshore Drift

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A zig-zag process in which sediment is transported and deposited on a beach





Wave-Cut Platforms

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These mark the previous position of cliffs

## Headward Erosion

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The process of cliffs collapsing and retreating inland

#### Notch

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A notch eroded in a cliff face that marks the tallest point of high tide

#### Storm Beach

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Furthest part of beach from the sea, contains only boulders and large objects that were placed during storms

