



Earth's Layers

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- B) The crust and mantle, because magma rises from the mantle through cracks in the crust.
- C) The outer core and inner core, because they produce the heat.
- D) All four layers equally, because heat travels evenly through Earth.

3. Why do scientists say that Earth's layers act like a system where each part affects the others?

- A) Because all four layers are made of the same material.
- B) Because heat from the core drives mantle convection, which moves crustal plates, causing surface events.
- C) Because earthquakes happen in every layer at the same time.
- D) Because the crust controls the temperature of all deeper layers.

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- D) City A, because granite is heavier and vibrates more during earthquakes.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

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