

Earthquake word bank

- **Tectonic plates** - huge pieces of flat rock that form the earth.
- **Fault lines** - the place where tectonic plates meet.
- **Convergent** - tectonic plates moving closer together.
- **Divergent** - tectonic plates moving further apart.
- **Transform** - tectonic plates where two slides pass one another.
- **Energy** - builds up at the hypo-centre where plates rub together.
- **Hypo-centre** - the site of the earthquake (underground).
- **Epi-centre** - the point directly above where the earthquake originates from
- **Landslide** - a collapse of earth or rock caused by an earthquake.
- **Tsunami** - a long, high sea wave caused by an earthquake.