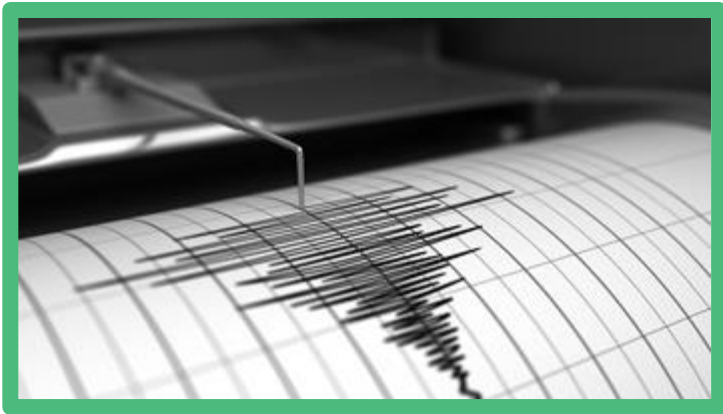




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Earthquakes



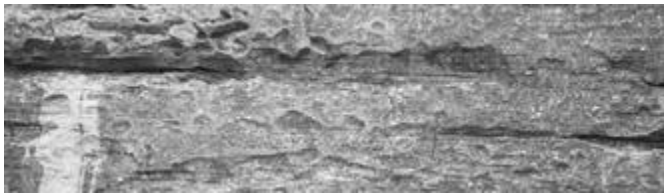
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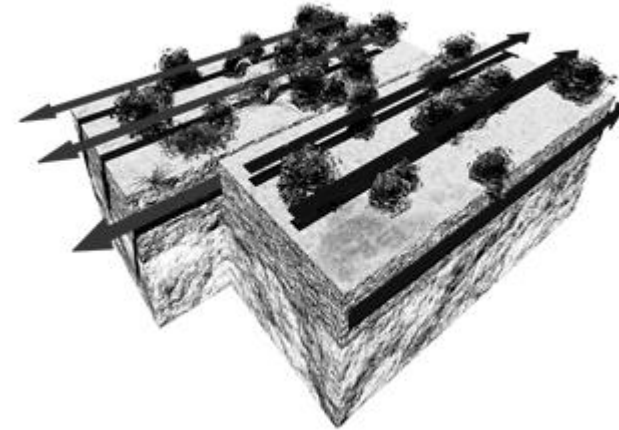
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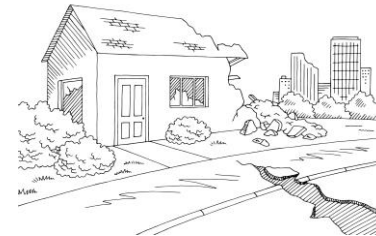
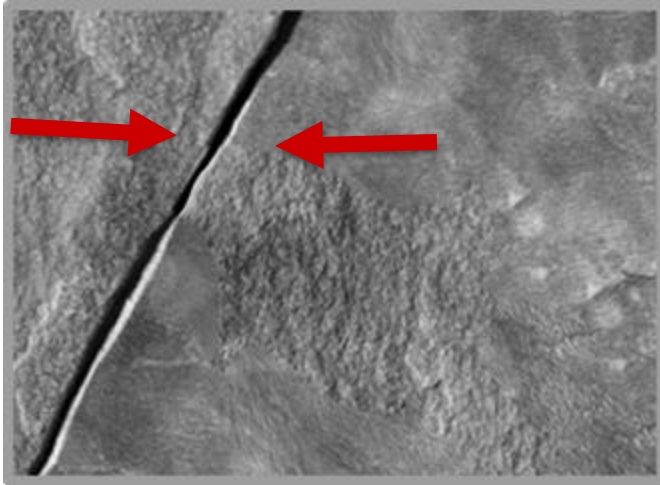
The lines show where the plates are. Look at how big they are!



Plates are large rocks that go all around the Earth.



The plates are always moving. The plates move slowly.



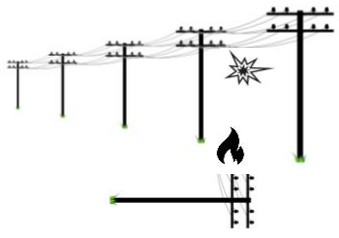
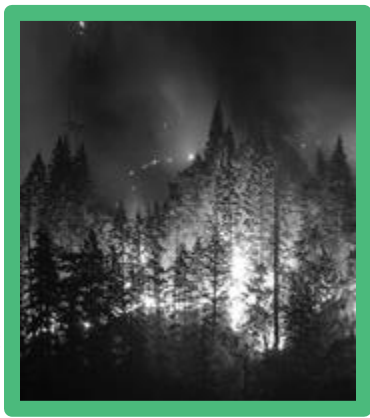
Sometimes the plates get stuck. They can't move. They **push** and push.

Finally, the plates move. That causes an **earthquake**. The ground shakes!



Buildings **shake**. Some fall.

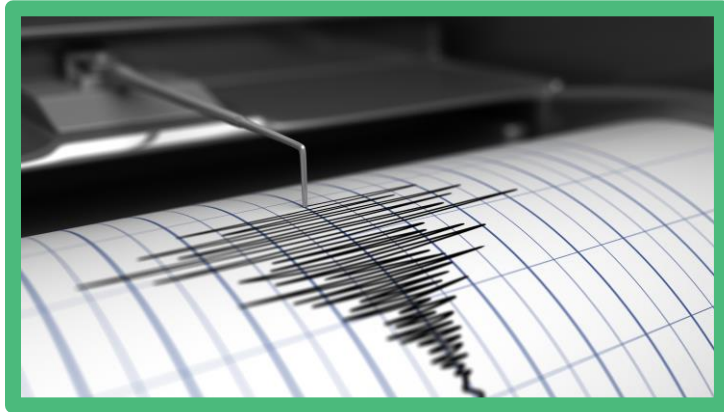
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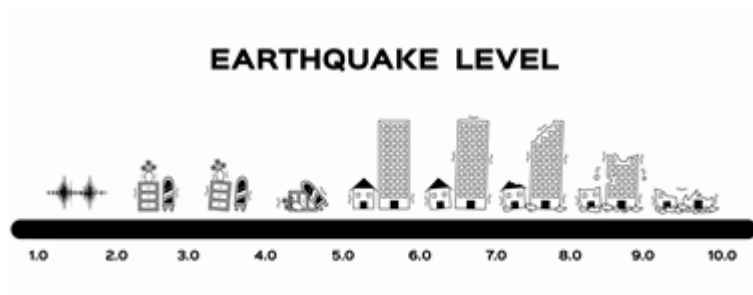
An earthquake can break electric wires. That can cause fires.



An earthquake can cause an avalanche.



Seismograph reading for an earthquake.



Scientists use a Richter scale to see how strong an earthquake is. Most earthquakes are small.



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