

# Components of Activity

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## Earth 23& Earth 24

**WHAT THIS ACTIVITY IS ABOUT:** This activity is about cross-cutting concepts in science.

*Crosscutting Concepts represent common themes that span across science disciplines. These concepts identify universal properties and processes found in all the science disciplines.*

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

**1. Briefly scan through each paragraph before starting.**

**2. Carefully read the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Underline and/or circle key ideas and words.**

*Circle either YES or NO for each of the cross-cutting concepts on that page that apply.*

**3. Carefully read the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Underline and/or circle key ideas and words.**

*Circle either YES or NO for each of the cross-cutting concepts on that page that apply*

**4. Return to the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph. Write a brief response for each cross cutting concept marked YES.**

*At bottom of page, circle the number of the cross-cutting concept which BEST fits the paragraph.*

**5. Return to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Write a brief response for each cross cutting concept marked YES.**

*At bottom of page, circle the number of the cross-cutting concept which BEST fits the paragraph.*

**6. At the bottom of each page, describe WHY you selected that cross-cutting concept as the BEST fit.**

**7. Complete a VENN diagram on the back page for the two topic paragraphs.**

**8. Write a 50 word essay. Summarizing your discoveries, ideas, and conclusions about the paragraphs.**

## Earth 23 Plate Tectonics and Today's Earth

Plate tectonics is a science theory explaining the structure of the earth's crust and many associated phenomena as resulting from the interaction of rigid lithospheric plates that move slowly over the underlying mantle. From the deepest ocean trench to the tallest mountain, plate tectonics explains the features and movement of Earth's surface in the present and the past. (topic) Does this paragraph mention, describe, imply, refer to, or convey:

1. (YES) (NO) any **patterns**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. (YES) (NO) any **cause and effect**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. (YES) (NO) a **quantity, numeric scale, or proportion**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. (YES) (NO) a **system, or organized structure**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. (YES) (NO) about **energy or matter**? (*Especially flows, cycles, and conservation*)?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. (YES) (NO) the **structure or function** of something?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. (YES) (NO) concepts of **stability and/or change**?  
*in what way >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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Circle the number which BEST represents the paragraph? (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7).

*Why did you choose this number? >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Earth 24 Deformation of the Crust

Crustal deformation refers to the changing earth's surface caused by tectonic forces that are accumulated in the crust and then cause earthquakes. So understanding the details of deformation and its effects on faults is important for figuring out which faults are most likely to produce the next earthquake. The three main types of stress go along with the three types of plate boundaries: compression is common at convergent boundaries, tension at divergent boundaries, and shear at transform boundaries. (topic) Does this paragraph mention, describe, imply, refer to, or convey:

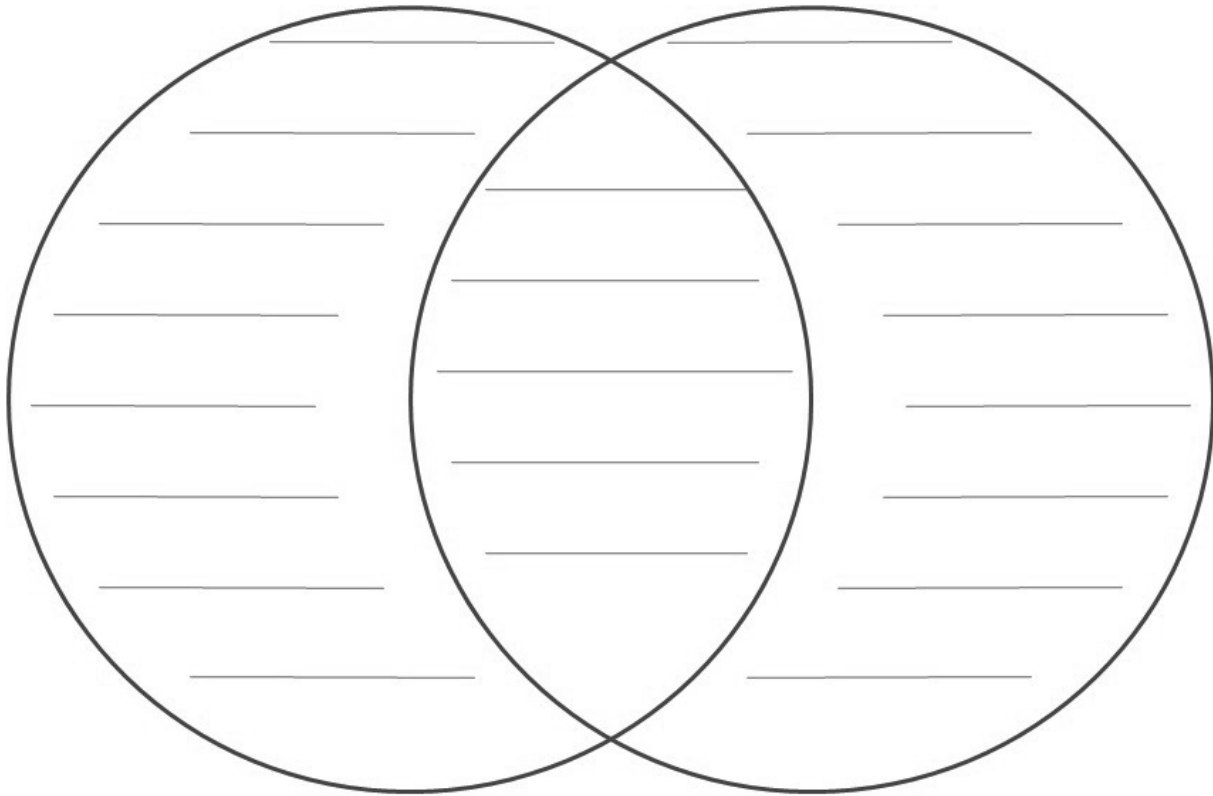
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*Why did you choose this number? >>* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Plate Tectonics and Today's Earth**

**Deformation of the Crust**



**Write a 50 Word Essay about the topic paragraphs here ...**

Twelve horizontal lines for writing an essay.