

Title: Plate Tectonics

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MS-ESS2-2: Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth's surface at varying time and spatial scales.

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Essential Question: What is the theory of plate tectonics? What are the three types of plate boundaries? What formations does each boundary type create?



Anticipation Guide: True or False?

Strategy: "Think-pair-share"

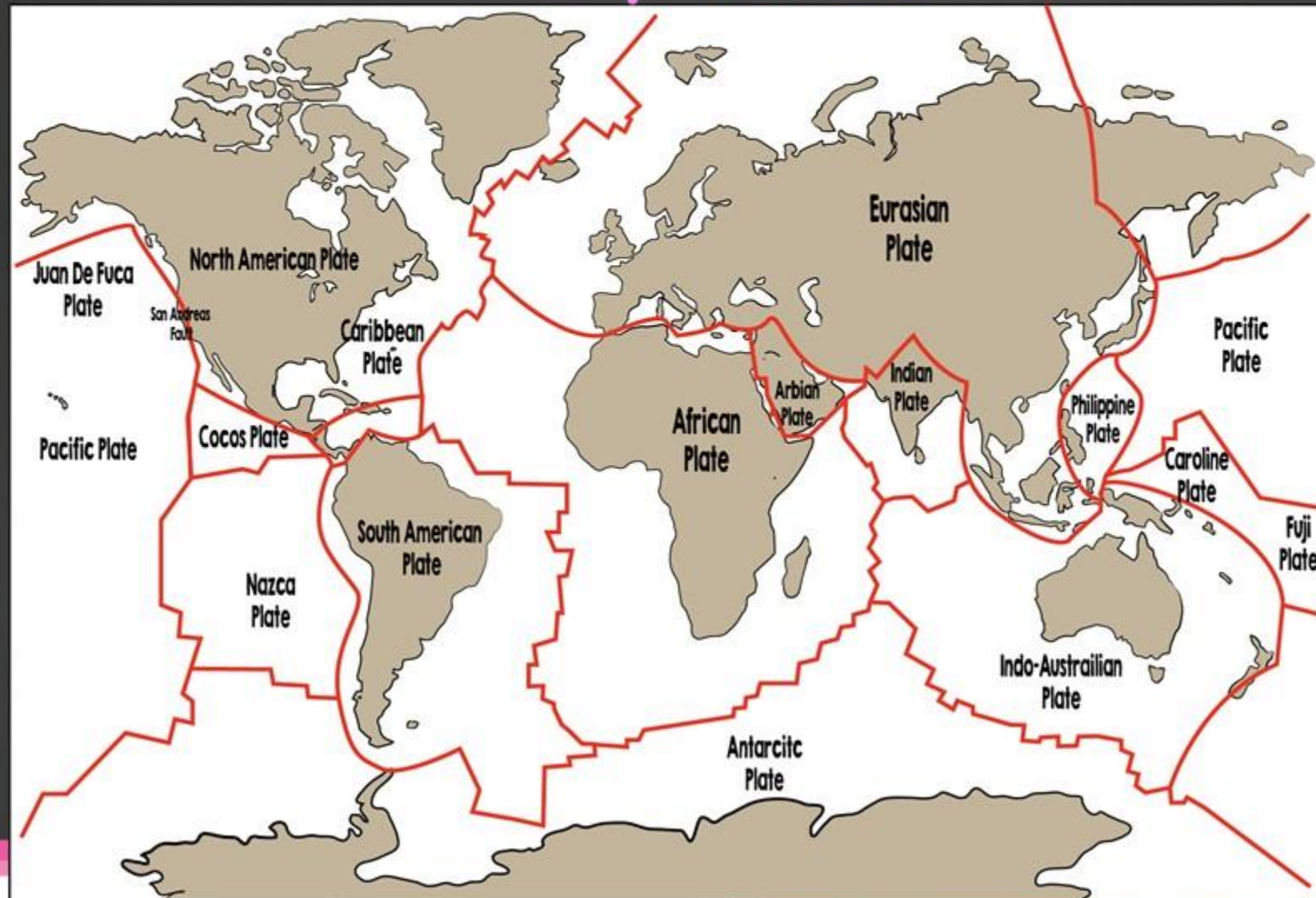
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Theory of Plate Tectonics

- Pieces of the Earth's lithosphere—solid crust and upper mantle--constantly move, driven by convection currents in the mantle.

Earth's crust is broken into around 12 plates



Formation

- Plate movement forms mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and deep ocean trenches.

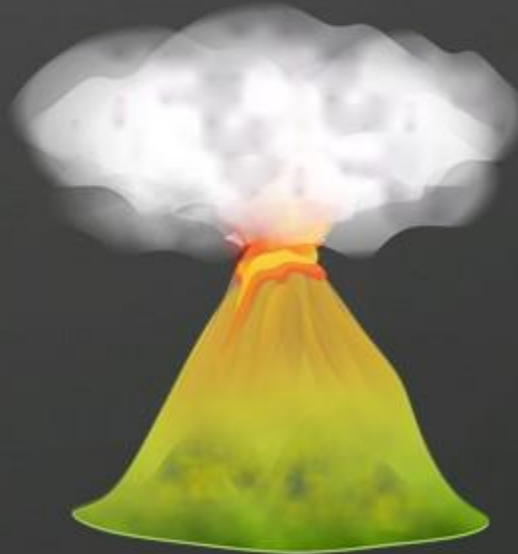
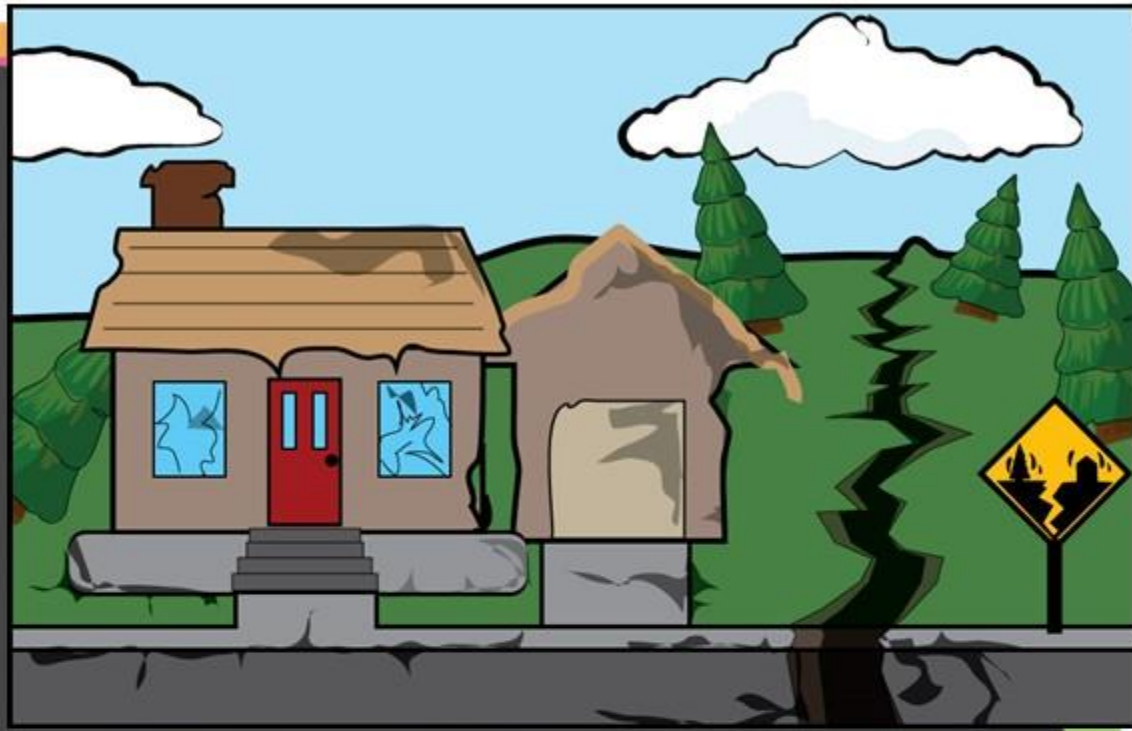


Plate Boundaries

- The edge of Earth's plates meet at plate boundaries. There are around 12 major plates.

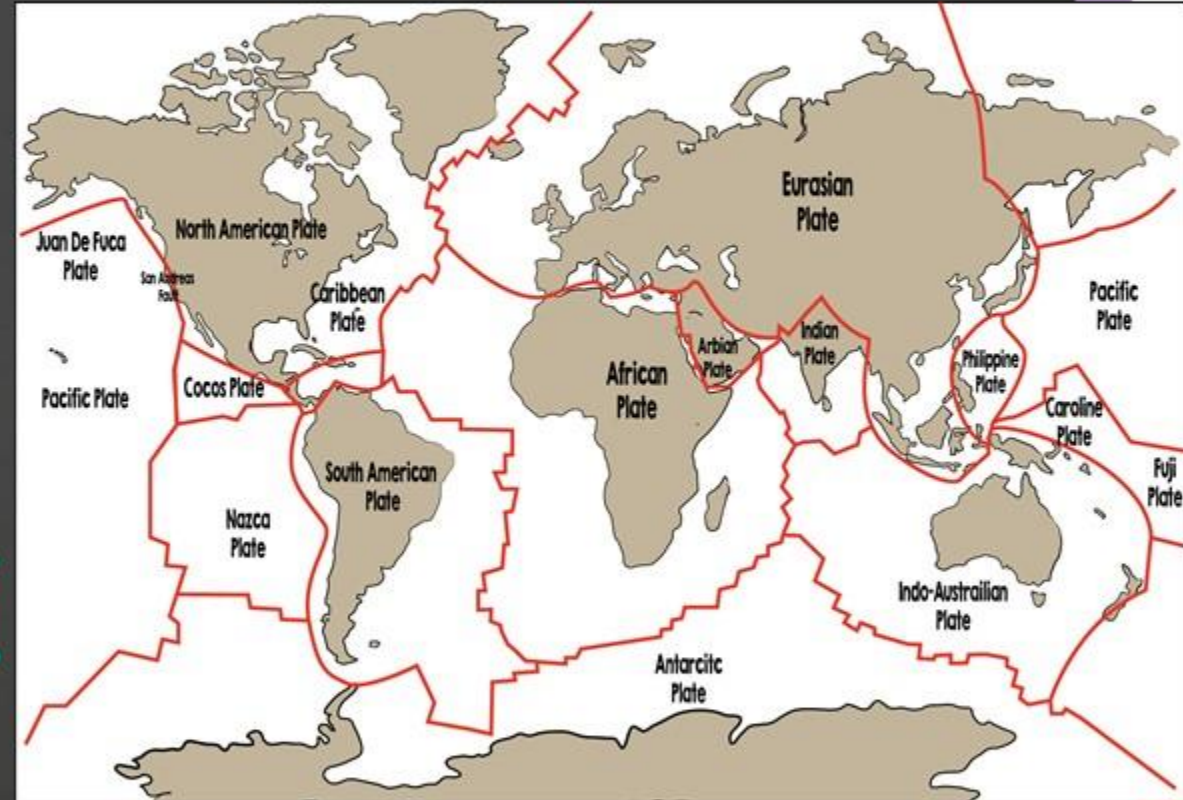


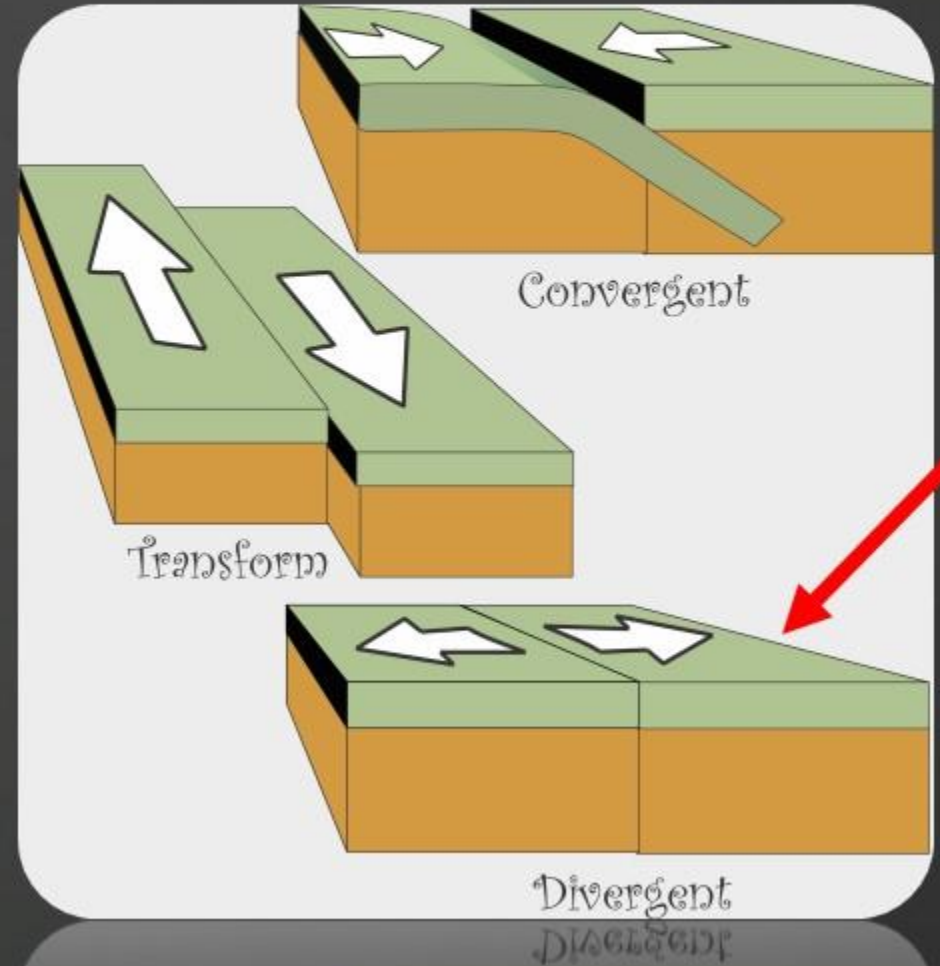
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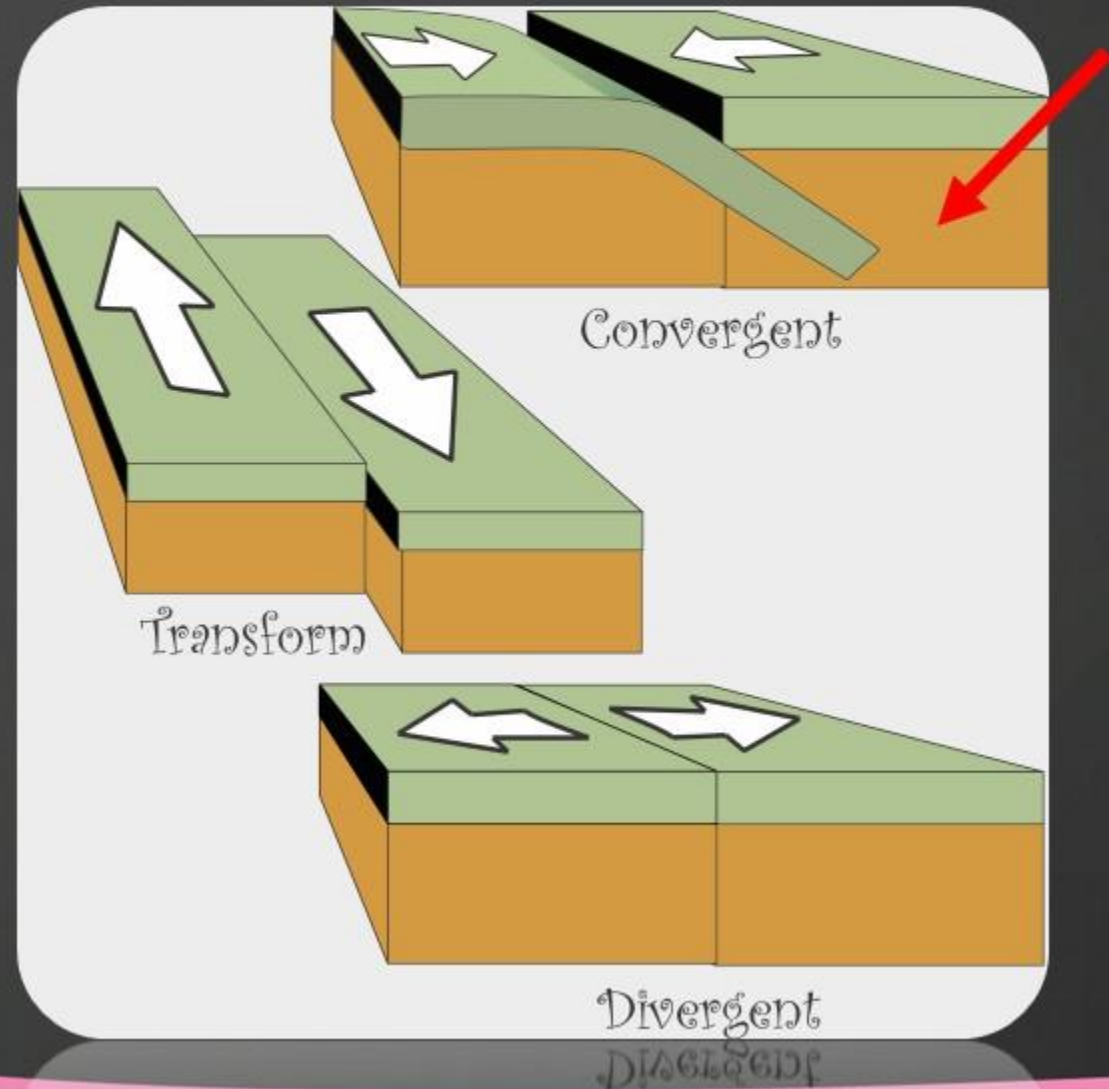
- 1. Plates move apart forming a rift valley.

Examples: the Mid-ocean ridges and the Great Rift Valley.



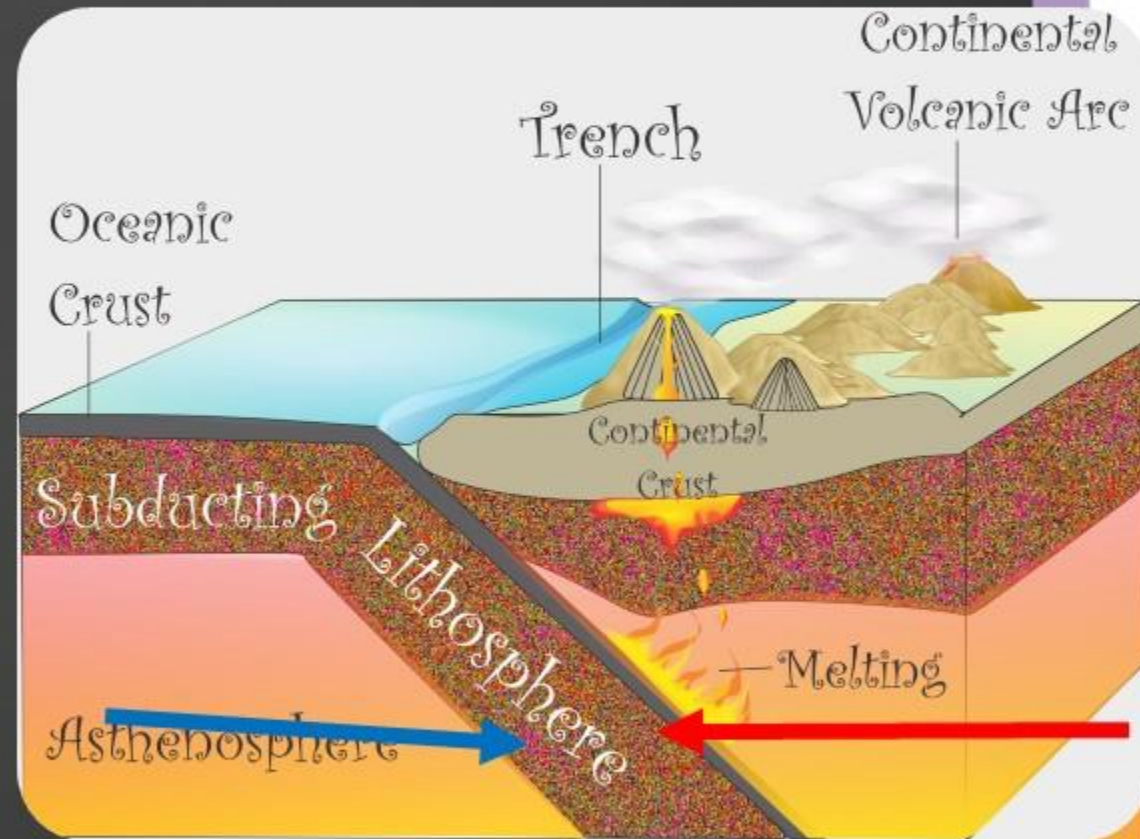
2. Convergent Boundaries (3 types)

- Plates collide or smash together.



A. Ocean collide with continent

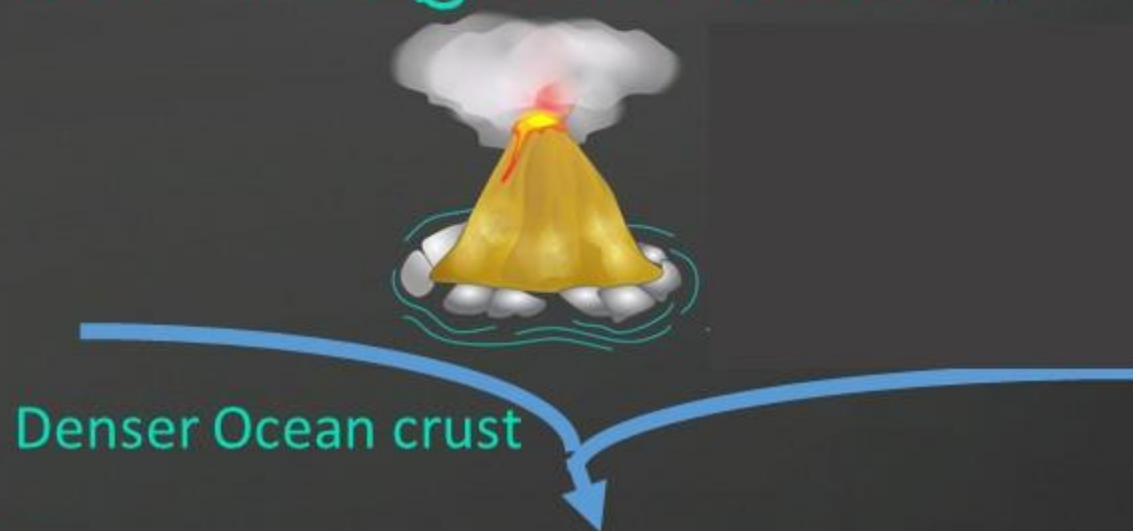
- A. Dense, ocean floor plate pushes down into mantle re-melting crust. Formations: Volcanic mountains, deep trenches. Example: Mount Saint Helen, Mount Lascar



B. Two Oceans collide

- B. Older, denser plate is pushed down (subduction) under the younger.

Formation: deep trench; Island arc of volcanoes. Examples: Tonga Trench, Philippine Islands



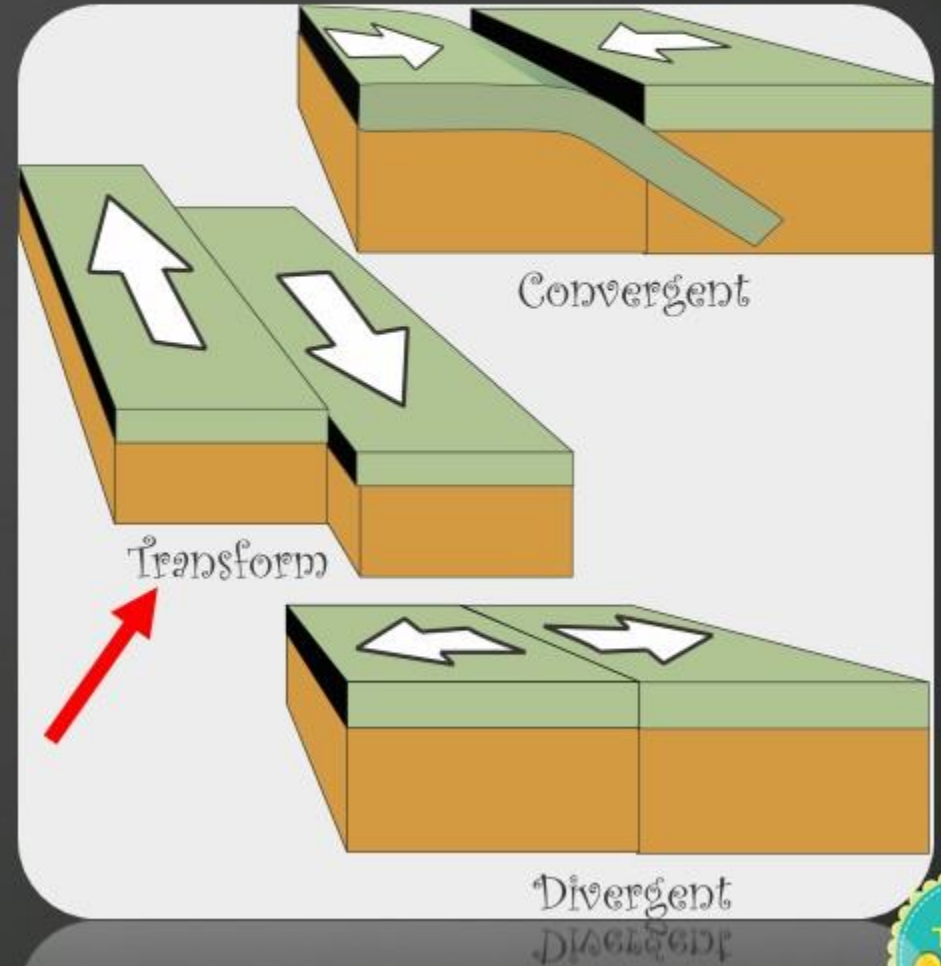
C. Two Continents collide

- C. No subduction of plates; collision causes crust to crumple up to form mountains. Examples: Himalayan Mountains and the Alps

3. Transform Boundaries

- 3. Plates side-slip past each other. Many earthquakes occur.

Examples: San Andreas Fault



Hot Spots

- Weak spots around the crust where magma flows to the surface;
Example: Hawaii.



Center of plate (not on a boundary)

Plate Boundary



Quiz time!

- **Ready:** Number 1-5 behind notes
- **Go:** Write correct letter and mark if incorrect.
- **Back:** highlight, add to notes or drawings

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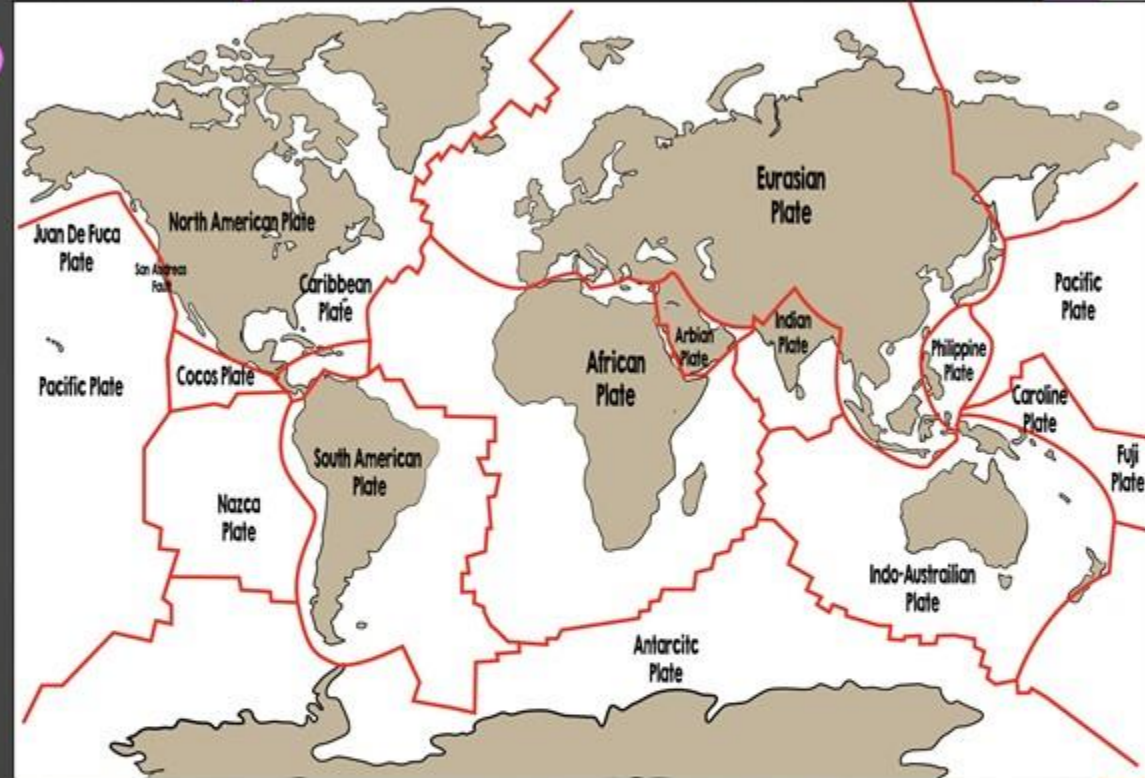
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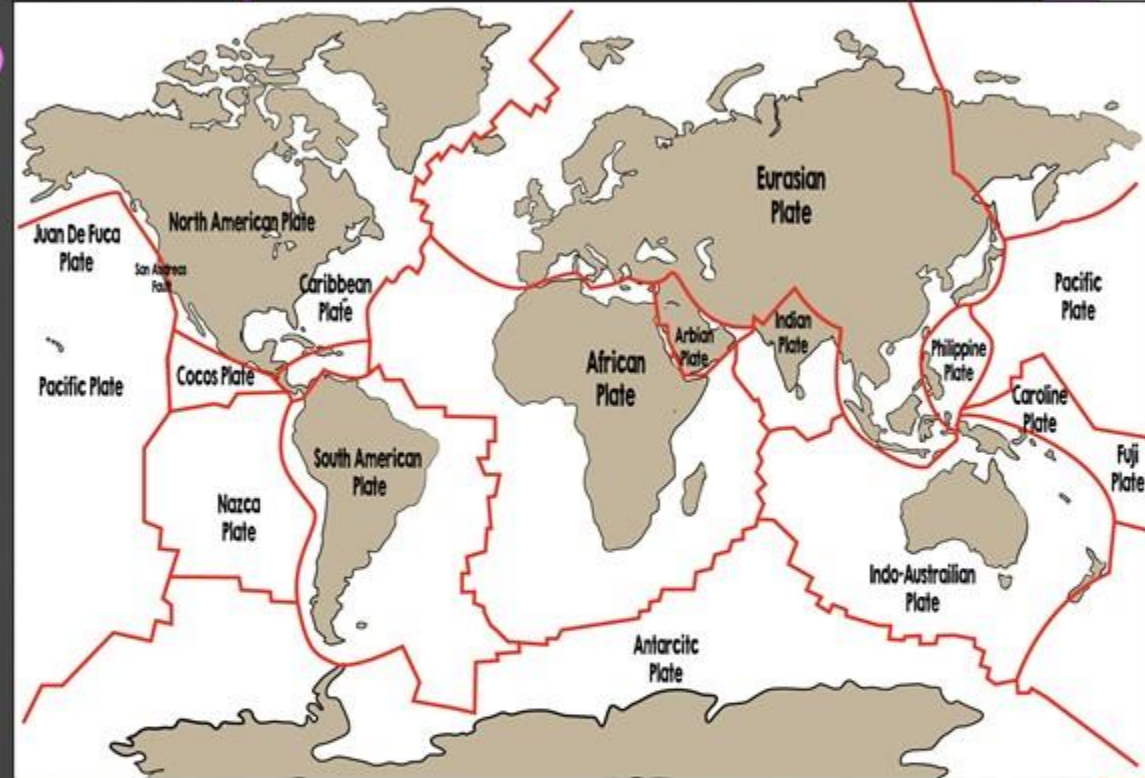
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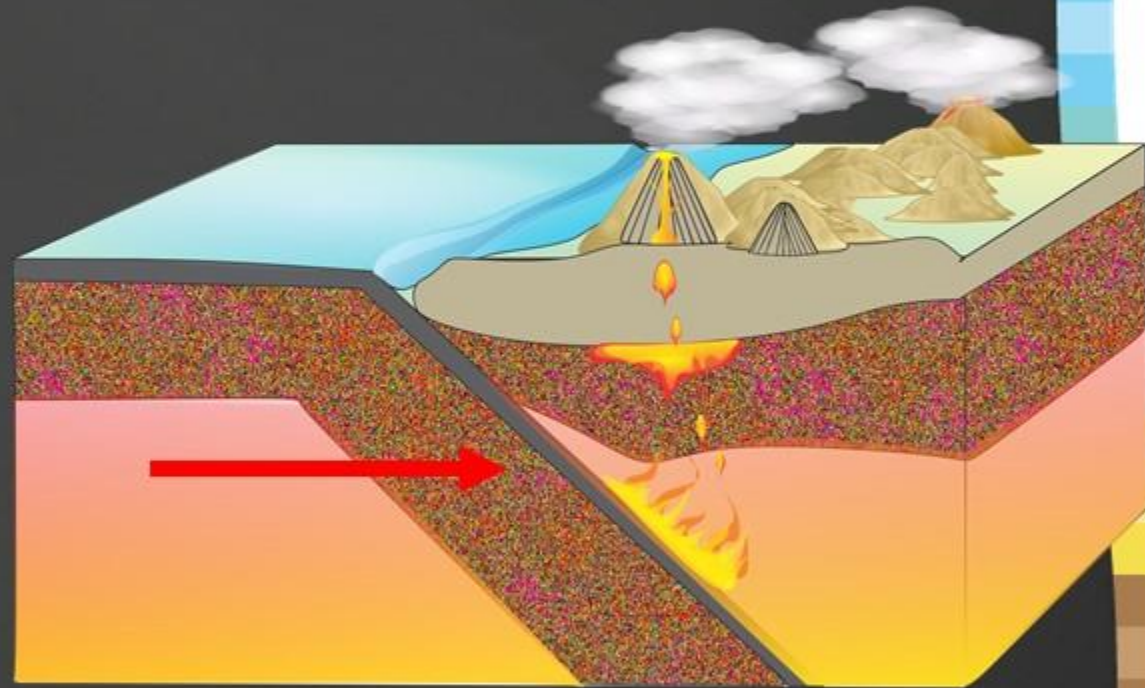
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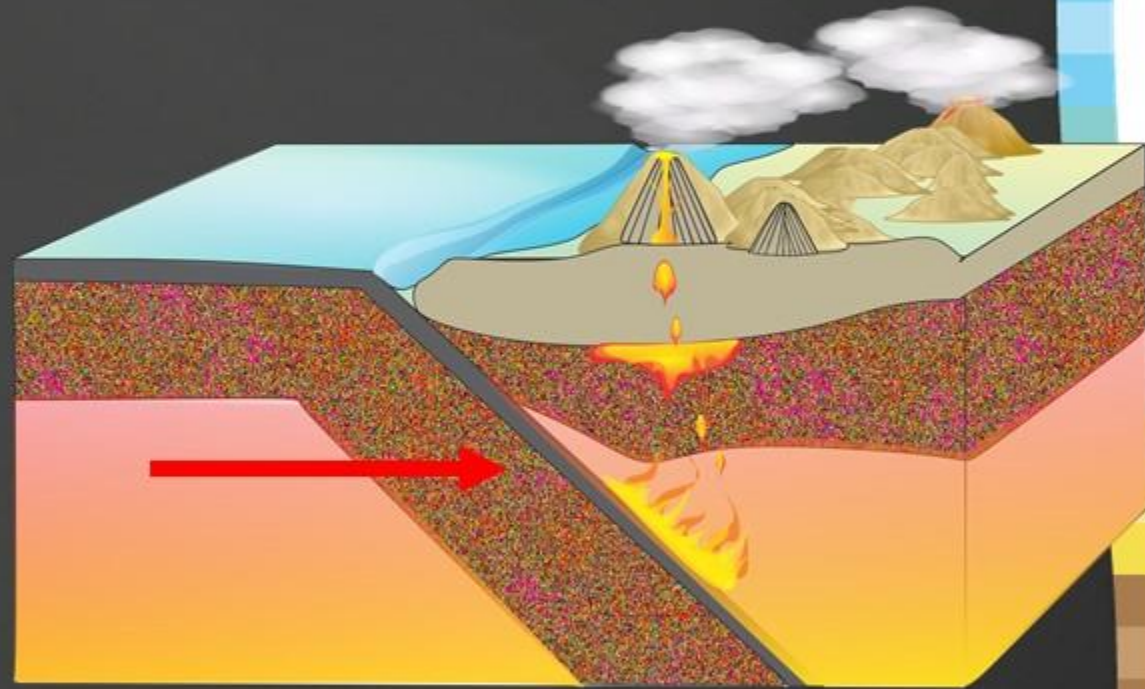
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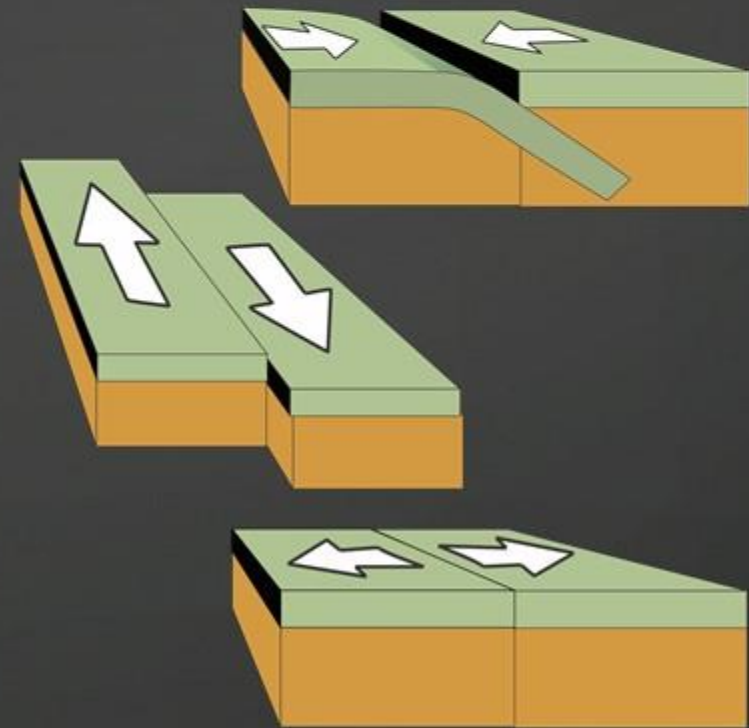
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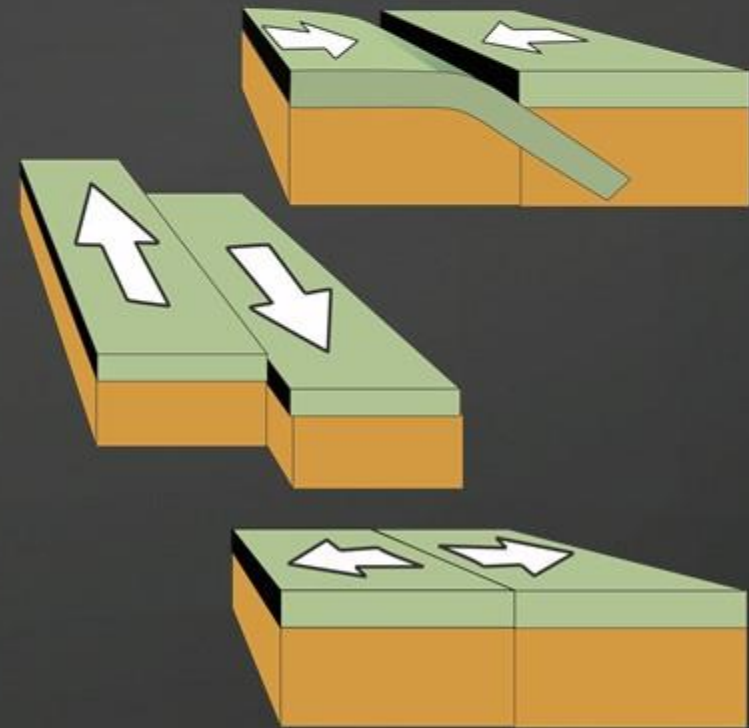
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Anticipation Guide Questions and Answers

1. **Cover:** Check back to the unit cover.
2. **After:** In the "after" section, state whether true or false based on what was learned.
3. **Explain:** Be prepared to explain in summary.

9. Plates move apart forming a rift valley due to convergent boundaries. Explain:

False! Divergent boundaries cause plates to move apart creating rift valleys and mid-ocean ridges.

10. Plates that slip and slid past each other form mountains.

Explain:

False! Earthquakes result from transform boundaries sliding past each other.

Summary and question.

- What is the theory of plate tectonics?
 - "The theory of plate tectonics states ____ (describe)."
- What are the three types of plate boundaries?
 - "Convergent/transform/divergent boundaries are ____ (describe)."
- What formations does each boundary type create?
 - "Convergent/divergent/transform boundaries result in ____ (list an Earth feature)."

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