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# Deformation and Metamorphism

### Exam 1 Answers

#### Making Metamorphic Rocks

#### Different Kinds of Stress

- Confining pressure: same amount of stress from all directions
- Differential stress: different amounts of stresses from different directions.

#### Strength of Rock

- Too much stress = failure
- ↑ heat ↑ ductile
- different material respond differently
- rock is more sturdy than wood, so it can support more force

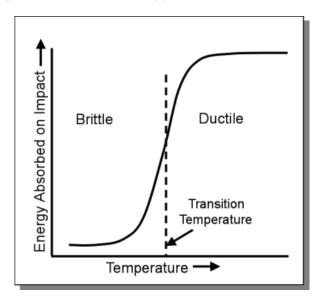


Figure 1: Brittle to Ductile Transition

#### How rocks responds to force and stress

- small amount of stress  $\rightarrow$  block remains unchanged
- examples of stresses  $\rightarrow$  compression, shear, tension
- shallow levels: rocks fracture
- these rocks are generally weaker
  - earthquakes
- $\bullet\,$  minerals are usually static/unchanged
- deeper levels: rock flows (heat and pressure)
- become more like play-doh
- minerals will recrystallize and may expand

## **Types of Fractures**

#### Joint: small

- $\bullet\,$  where rocks are pulled apart
- burial
- cooling and contraction
- $\bullet$  unloading

### Fault: big

• rocks have slipped past one another

<u>left lateral:</u> block on opposite side moves to left

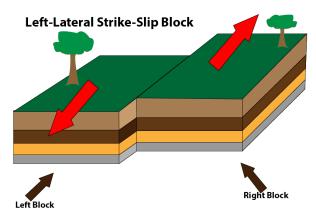


Figure 2: Left lateral

right lateral: block on opposite side moves to right

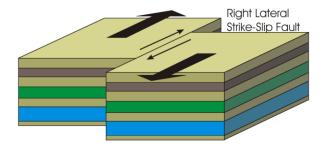


Figure 3: Right lateral

anticline: up syncline: down

## **Describing Faults**

- Strike-slip: when two plate slide by each other from left to right
- Dip-slip: when two plates slide by each other from top to bottom
- Oblique-slip: when two directions of displacement occur. One side is higher than the other.