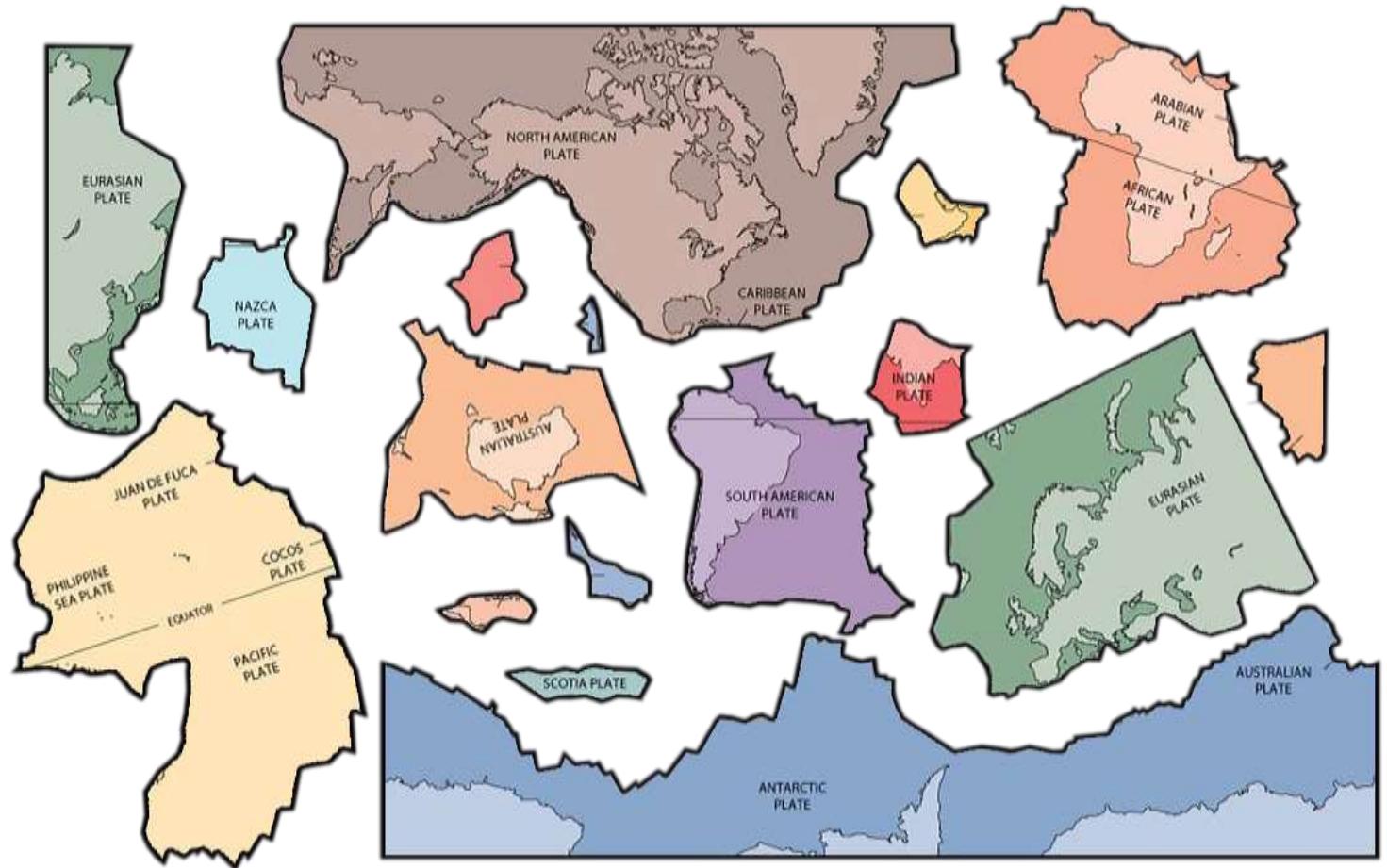


The outer layer of the Earth is called the crust. It is made up of large tectonic plates which fit together rather like a huge jigsaw. These plates ride on the hotter layer below and are in constant motion, travelling at a few centimetres per year. Volcanoes and earthquakes commonly occur on the edges of the plates.

### Student task:

Cut out the shapes from the map. Fit them together to make the plates of the Earth's crust.



Map used courtesy of the US Geological Survey