



Tectonic plate

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1. Use the words in the box to complete the text below on tectonic plates.

float oceans	mantle crust plates	lithosphere glide continents	continental drift tectonic plates
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The is the	is the solid envelope of Earth. It is made up of the			
and par	of the	It is	broken up into more than a	
dozen large pieces called These p		. These plates f	orm the bed of the	
and the		They	on the partially	
molten part of the mantle. The	e extreme heat of	Earth's interior	creates movement in the part	
of the mantle on which the		rest. This explains why the tectonic plates		
very slowl	y in relation to one	e another. This i	s known as	

2. Match each consequence of tectonic plate movement with its description.

Consequence of tectonic plate movement	Description
a) Divergence	Plates slide toward each other and collide. One plate sometimes slides underneath the other.
b) Friction	2. Plates move further and further apart, and magma rises to the surface to fill the empty space and solidifies.
c) Collision	Two plates slide against each other, creating a huge release of heat.

3. Which consequence of tectonic plate movement is illustrated here? It is the main cause of the appearance of faults, volcanoes and mountains. It can also cause earthquakes.

