



Complete the text about a place of extremes with the most appropriate word from (A–O) for each gap. You will not need one word. The first one is done for you (0).

The Earth's surface is constantly changing through forces in nature. The daily processes of precipitation, wind and land movement **(0) result in** changes to landforms over a long period of time. Driving forces include erosion, volcanoes and earthquakes.

Erosion **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ land and continents into smaller forms. Wind and water movement are common types of erosion. A boulder turns into sand after years of being **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ by waves and particles. A mountain eventually becomes a hill when rain breaks it apart. Ocean waves and rivers push into the sides of cliffs, **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ the land. Erosion can also create new land. As rock and other sediment are carried away by the forces of erosion, they **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ settle elsewhere. New wetlands form at the mouths of rivers through this process.

Lava ejects onto the surface of the Earth through a volcano, which is a crack in the **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ of the planet's crust. Lava pushes land up and hardens when it comes out of the Earth, and the **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ mountains are also called volcanoes. Shield volcanoes can shape the land for a long distance because the lava that **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ is fluid enough to travel far. Strato volcanoes are the tallest peaks formed by volcanoes. Their smaller counterparts are called cinder cones.

Earthquakes are caused by movement of **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ plates in the Earth's surface. Plates might grind against, or slide above or **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_ one another. When the rocks break, they cause seismic waves to **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ from the breaking point. Earthquakes **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_ as a rapid shaking of the Earth, which can sometimes be felt by living organisms. The resulting force on the Earth's land includes **(12)** \_\_\_\_\_, landslides, rifts and tsunamis. They can also cause damage to buildings and roads.

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| <b>A</b> | comes out        | <b>B</b> | gradual     | <b>C</b> | breaks down |
| <b>D</b> | eventually       | <b>E</b> | resulting   | <b>F</b> | hit         |
| <b>G</b> | crustal          | <b>H</b> | emerge      | <b>I</b> | beneath     |
| <b>J</b> | faults           | <b>K</b> | shaping     | <b>L</b> | opening     |
| <b>M</b> | <b>result in</b> | <b>N</b> | ripple away |          |             |

