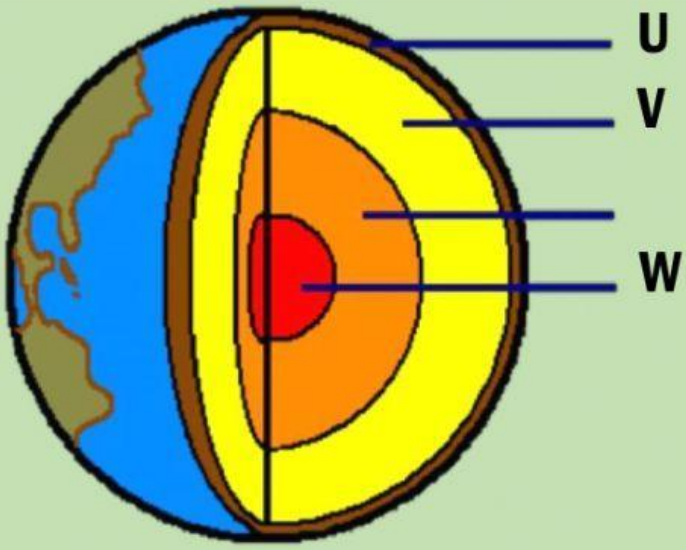
LAYERS OF THE EARTH

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Earth is made up of three layers. The outermost layer is called the crust. The crust is the thinnest layer of the earth. It is made up of rocks with loose dirt covering the rocks. The layer beneath it is called the mantle. It is the thickest layer. Some of the upper mantle is melted because of heat known as magma, however, great pressure keeps a part of the mantle from melting. The innermost layer is the core. It has an inner core and an outer core. It is made up of metals such as iron and nickel.



1. Name the layers of the Earth labelled **U**, **V**, and **W** and describe each layer.

LAYER of the EARTH	DESCRIPTION
U _____	_____
V _____	_____
W _____	_____

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2. In which layer would you find metals such as iron and nickel?

3. What is magma and where is it found?

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4. What prevents a part of the mantle from melting?

5. "**The outer layer of the Earth is made up mainly of rocks, the rocks are classified into three categories**."

Name the **THREE** categories of rocks.

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