

Natural Disasters : EARTHQUAKES



Read the text below. Then highlight at least 3 main ideas.

Earthquakes are sudden shakings of the ground. They happen when the Earth's crust, which is made of big pieces called tectonic plates, moves. These plates can push, pull, or slide past each other. When they move suddenly, energy is released and the ground begins to shake.

Some earthquakes are very small, and people cannot feel them. However, strong earthquakes can cause a lot of damage. Buildings may crack, roads can break, and landslides might happen. If an earthquake happens under the sea, it can also cause a tsunami.

Earthquakes happen mostly near places called faults. A fault is a line where two plates meet. The point underground where the earthquake starts is called the focus, and the point on the Earth's surface directly above it is called the epicenter.

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