

# Geography Knowledge Organiser

## Year 8: Shaping the Earth

Key Word	Definition
Crust	The solid outer layer of the Earth.
Mantle	The semi-molten layer of the Earth that the crust 'floats' on.
Outer Core	The liquid layer of the Earth below the mantle.
Inner Core	The solid layer of the Earth at its very centre.
Tectonic Plates	The Earth's crust (and upper part of the mantle) are broken into large pieces called tectonic plates.
Plate Boundary	Where two tectonic plates meet. There are four types: constructive, destructive, collision and conservative.
The Rock Cycle	The processes that turn one type of rock into another over time.
Igneous	Rock that has been melted.
Sedimentary	Rock that has been eroded and compressed.
Metamorphic	Rock that has been heated and pressured.
Glacier	A large mass of ice often shaped like a river that flows very slowly, under the force of gravity.

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