

Earth Study Sheet

1. continent Large landmass on Earth's surface.
2. equator Imaginary line dividing the Earth into Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
3. tectonic plates Massive slabs of rock that make up the Earth's lithosphere.
4. atmosphere Gaseous envelope surrounding the Earth.
5. glacier Slow-moving mass of ice.
6. Earth The third planet from the Sun.
7. volcano Mountain that can erupt with lava, ash, and gases.
8. crust Earth's outermost layer made up of solid rock.
9. core Earth's innermost layer consisting of a solid inner core and liquid outer core.
10. erosion Process of wearing away Earth's surface through wind, water, or other natural forces.
11. fault Fracture in the Earth's crust where movement has occurred.
12. tsunami Large ocean wave caused by underwater earthquakes or eruptions.
13. stratosphere Layer of the Earth's atmosphere containing the ozone layer.
14. latitude Angular distance north or south of the equator.
15. sediment Particles of rock and soil that settle at the bottom of bodies of water.
16. magnetic field Region surrounding Earth where its magnetic influence is felt.
17. geothermal Heat energy from the Earth's interior.
18. biodiversity Variety of life forms on Earth, including plants and animals.
19. rotation Earth's spinning on its axis, causing day and night.
20. lithosphere Rigid outer layer of Earth, including the crust and uppermost mantle.