

My Region and Campania

The countries and capital cities of Europe

Europe is one of the **seven continents** of the world. It is a collection of **44 individual countries** and **capital cities**.



Italy

Italy is located **south of Europe** and **north of the Mediterranean Sea**.

Italy is a **peninsula** which means it is surrounded by water and only connected to land at one end.

The capital city of Italy is **Rome**, and some other famous cities are **Milan, Venice, Naples and Florence**.



Italy's land shape looks like a boot!



Key human features of Campania



Positano is a settlement in the Campania region. It is famous for its **pastel-coloured houses** built on cliffs down to the sea.

Another famous settlement in Campania is the town of **Amalfi**. Amalfi is the largest town in the middle of the **Amalfi Coast**. Amalfi has landmarks such as beautiful **medieval buildings**, including a famous **cathedral**.



Key physical features of Campania



Apennine Mountains

Mount Vesuvius

Amalfi Coast

The island of **Ischia** is famous for its **hot springs**.

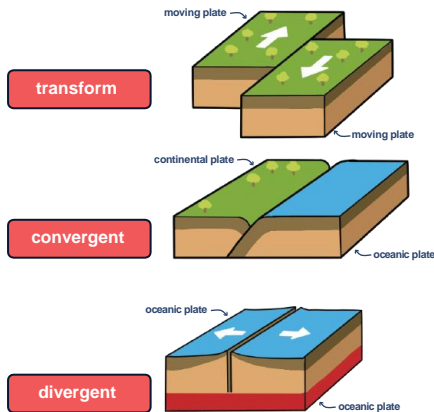
Plate tectonics

Alfred Wegener believed the continents and ocean floors “float” on **moving rock plates** and have been drifting for millions of years. This theory is called **plate tectonics**. The plates move about **1 to 10cm every year**. Plates can move towards each other, away from each other or rub alongside each other.

There are **three types of major plate boundary movements**.

These types of movement include:

transform – where plates slide past each other

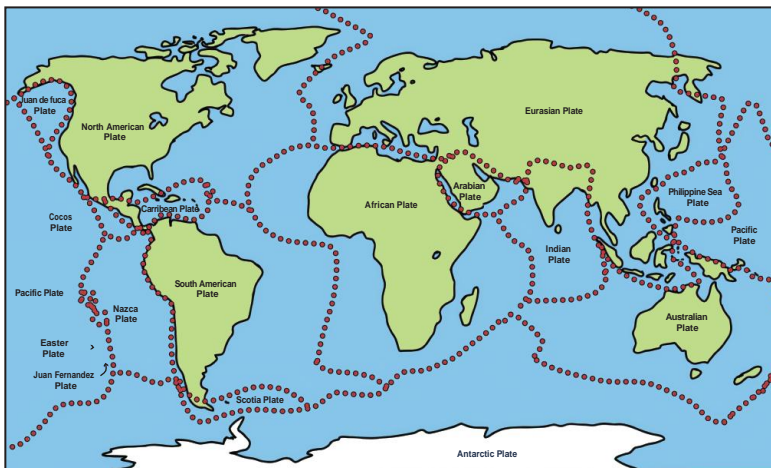


convergent – where plates come together

divergent – where plates are pulled apart from each other

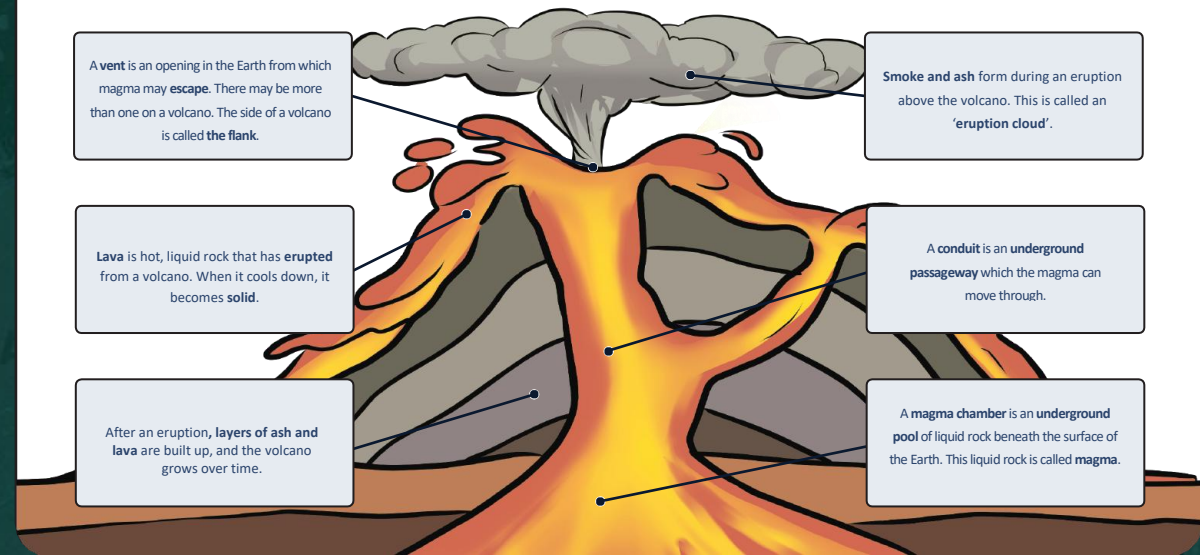
Most of the time, you can't see the **plate lines** in an aerial photo. However, you can sometimes see evidence of the **tectonic plates moving**.

Evidence you might see includes **valleys, mountains and volcanoes**.



What are volcanoes?

A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust from which molten lava, rock fragments, ash, dust and gases are ejected from below the Earth's surface. A volcanic eruption happens when magma below the surface rises to the top of the mountain, causing gas and bubbles to appear. Pressure from this gas can build so much that a volcano explodes. Then it erupts!



What are earthquakes?

An **earthquake** (or quake, tremor) shakes the Earth's surface and is caused by **sudden movement** in the Earth's crust. They can be extremely violent. The rock gets stretched or squeezed as the plates move until it splits. This squeezing and stretching are what cause the ground to **tremble and move**. The movements create **seismic waves**.

The point where the earthquake happens is called the **focus**. **Seismic waves** move out from this point. The point at ground level directly above the focus is called the **epicentre**.

