

Earthquakes

Earthquake - a vibration or shaking of Earth's crust

Fault – a break along which rocks move

Focus - the point underground where the movement first took place

Epicenter - the point on the surface right above the focus

Seismograph - an instrument that records earthquake waves

Mercalli scale- measures the movement and damage an earthquake causes (Uses Roman Numerals I-X)

Richter scale - measures the energy an earthquake releases (Uses numbers 1-9)