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虽然很多高校多年来一直尝试开设选修课,专家学者也进行了理论研究,但目前此类课程在大学英语教学中所占比重并不大,仍处于探索阶段。多数教学专家对大学英语选修课程的具体教学目标和教学内容范围未形成统一认识,教育主管部门亦未出台具体的选修课教学要求。为了进一步推动大学英语选修课教学的发展,外教社在多年选修课教材使用情况调研的基础上,结合专家学者的最新研究成果和建议,充分考虑我国目前的大学英语教学现状、师资条件、实际需求等因素,重新策划编写了"大学英语拓展课程系列",该系列教材包括EAP、ESP和EOP三个子系列。

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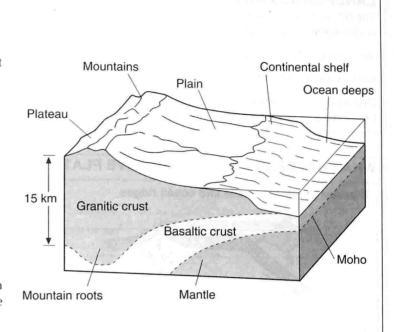
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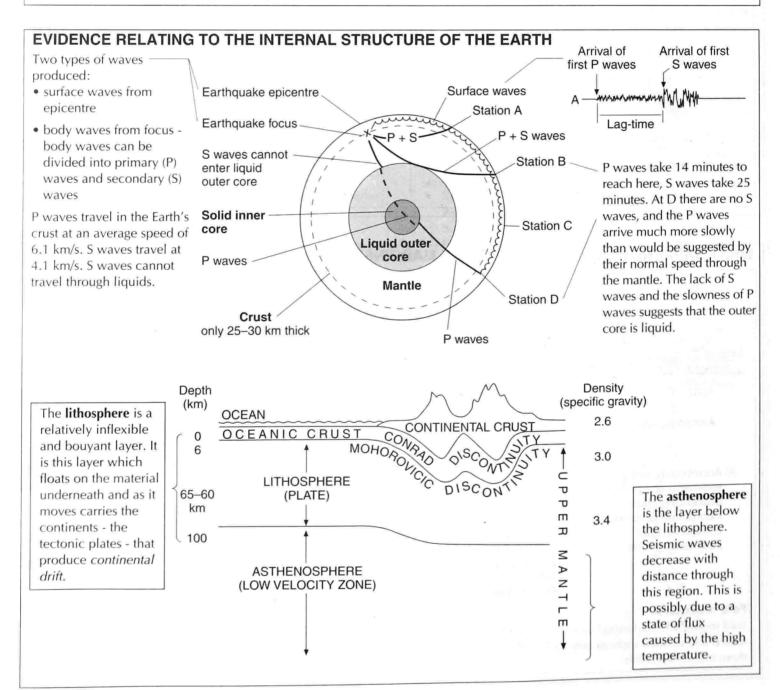
The structure of the Earth

WORKING FROM THE CENTRE OUTWARDS

- 1 Core: Solid, consists of iron and nickel. Density about 13.6 g cm⁻³, approximately five times more dense than surface rocks.
- 2 Outer core: Liquid, consists largely of iron. Density about 10–12 g cm⁻³. It is believed that the earth's magnetic field is generated by movements in the liquid outer core.
- 3 Mantle: Solid, consists of lower density material (4–5 g cm⁻³) known as peridotite, a material composed of silicate minerals. Approximately 2900 km thick, may be divided into two subdivisions, the upper and lower mantle
- **4 Crust:** Solid, divided into two different types, continental and oceanic crust. Depth varies from 10 to 35 km, density about 3 g cm⁻³.

Continental crust is largely composed of granite and is sometimes referred to as *sial* due to the volume of *silica* and *aluminium* in its make up. Continental crust is less dense than the basaltic oceanic crust (also known as *sima*, because of the *silica* and *ma*gnesium in its make up) and also considerably thicker. It appears that the oceanic crust plunges down beneath the continental crust; the division between the two layers is known as the Conrad Discontinuity.





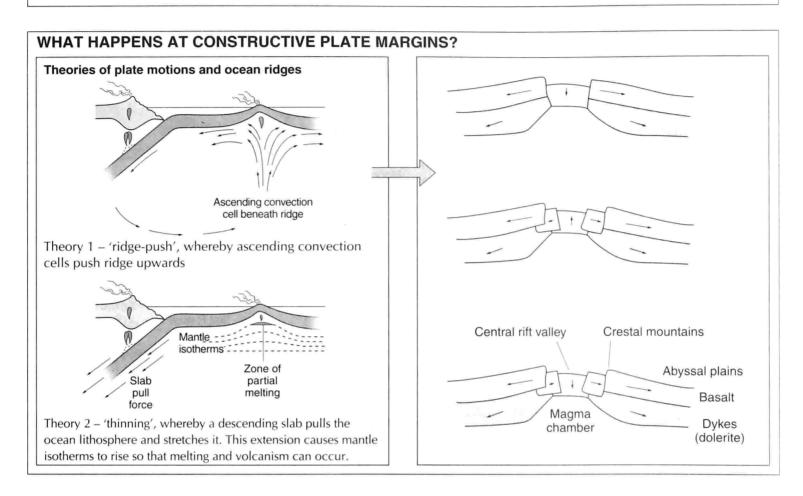
Processes at plate margins

LANDFORMS AND PLATE TECTONICS

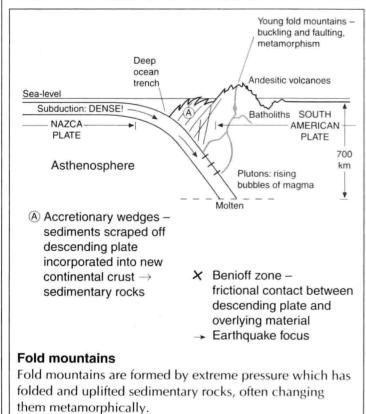
The lithosphere is divided into a number of large and small rigid plates. There are three types of boundary:

- (i) divergent where plates are moving apart at ocean ridges or continental rifts
- (ii) convergent where plates are moving together and one plate is forced beneath another forming ocean trenches
- (iii) transform or transcurrent where plates are moving past each other and are neither constructive nor destructive

Diverging plates spread apart, splitting the crust. This is followed by the formation of new crust. They are therefore CONSTRUCTIVE. Converging plates involve major mountain building and subduction of the crust. They are known as DESTRUCTIVE.



WHAT HAPPENS AT DESTRUCTIVE PLATE MARGINS?



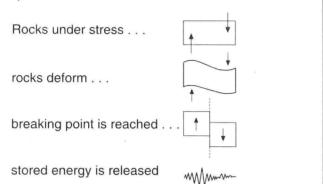
Approximately 150-200 km Sedimentary arc Volcanic arc Subduction complex Remnant arc Sea-level Bulge Asthenosphere Flysch deposits of the accretionary Approximately prism Asthenosphere Approximate angle of descent is 45 Island arcs Arcs of islands form on the landward side of oceanic

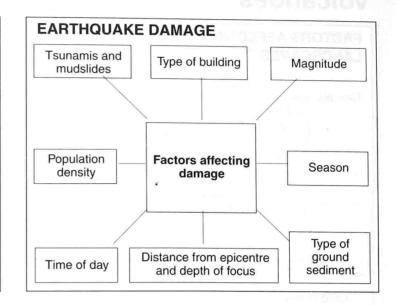
Arcs of islands form on the landward side of oceanic trenches, e.g. the Aleutian Islands.

Earthquakes

CAUSES

Earthquakes occur when normal movements of the crust are concentrated into a single shock or a series of sudden shocks. Aftershocks occur later as stresses are redistributed. The sequence is as follows:





SHOCKWAVES

Waves associated with the focus

P waves: fast/compression S waves: slower/distortion } travel through the interior

Waves associated with the epicentre

Love and Rayleigh waves which travel on the surface and cause the damage.

PREDICTION

- · Crustal movement.
- · Historical evidence.
- · Seismic activity.
- Minor quakes before 'The Big One'.
- Change in properties of ocean crust.
- Gas omissions from ground.
- Changes in 'electrical conductivity.

CASE STUDY: THE KOBE EARTHQUAKE

Details: 17th January 1995, killed over 5000 people, injured over 30,000, and made almost 750,000 homeless.

Causes: Philippine plate is being subducted beneath the Eurasian plate. Kobe is situated in a geographically complex area near the northern tip of the Philippine plate.

Secondary factors: Rain and strong winds increased landslide risk; damp, unhygienic conditions encouraged disease; fires, broken glass, broken water pipes, and lack of insurance meant that many lost their livelihood.

HUMAN IMPACT

- Mining gold-mining in the Witwatersand area of South Africa has been blamed for frequent seismic activity because of changed rock stress.
- Reservoirs previously an area free from tectonic tremors, the states of Nevada and Arizona in the USA experienced over 100 tremors in 1937 following the construction of the Hoover Dam and the creation of Lake Mead due to seepage.

