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Geology Glossary

continental slope	where the continental shelf transitions to the deep-sea basin
convection	circular, vertical flow of fluid by heating from below
convergent plate	the boundary between the crustal plates where the two plates come together
cordillera	a range of mountains which include the Rockies, Cascades, and Sierra Nevada
core	the center of the Earth that contains iron and nickel
craton	stable interior of a continent
creep	slow flow of the Earth's materials
crevasse	a deep fissure in the crust of a glacier
crust	outer layers of the earth
crustal plate	segment of lithosphere that is involved in the interaction of plates
crystal	repeating structural unit in most minerals
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delta	wedge-shaped sediments that are deposited at the mouth of a river
deposition	putting weathered rock in a new location
diapir	when molten rock rises through the heavier rock
divergent plate	where two plates of the Earth's crust move apart
dune	when the wind blows it forms a ridge with its sediments