

1 Restated question:
 What are the major causes and effects of earthquakes?

2 Key Terms:
Fault: a break and movement in the outer part of the earth
Seismic wave: an elastic wave in the earth produced by an earthquake

4 Causes & Connections:

Plates of rock in the earth slip, slide, or collide along a fault

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The collision releases sudden, huge amounts of energy; and

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The released energy travels to the surface of the earth in seismic waves

3 Event & Background Information:

Earthquakes

A shaking of the earth's crust that occurs on land or over oceans

5 Effects & Connections:

Possible loss of life and damage to buildings and roads

6 Answer:
 Earthquakes are created by powerful shaking in the earth's crust. Whether this movement occurs over land or sea, the result can harm people and property.