

# Finn's Geography Explorer: Earthquakes

*Learning objective: To understand what an earthquake is and how the Earth's surface changes.*

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Finn the dolphin is here to help you!

Finn the dolphin is exploring the world. He knows that the ground beneath our feet is made of giant pieces called plates. Sometimes, these plates move and bump into each other. This causes the ground to shake. This is called an earthquake.

*Word bank: Earthquake · Plates · Surface · Shaking · Crust*

**1. What do we call the large pieces that make up the Earth's crust? (1 mark)**

**2. Complete the sentence: When the Earth's plates move and bump, it causes \_\_\_\_\_. (1 mark)**

**3. What happens to the ground during an earthquake? Use the word bank to help you. (2 marks)**

**4. If you felt the ground shaking, why is it important to stay calm? (Sentence starter: I should stay calm because...) (2 marks)**

**Draw: Draw a picture of what the ground might look like if the Earth's plates move.**



*Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter. Write one sentence about what happened today when the ground started to shake.*