

# Earthquakes: A Helper's Guide

*Learning objective: To describe what an earthquake is and how it affects the Earth.*

Use the word bank and sentence starters to help you write about earthquakes. Think about what Finn the dolphin sees and what Max the monkey knows about how the ground moves.

An earthquake happens when the ground under our feet moves suddenly.

*Word bank: shaking · ground · plates · cracks · danger · suddenly · first · then · because · after*

**1. What happens to the ground during an earthquake? Start your sentence with: During an earthquake, the ground... (2 marks)**

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**2. Why does the ground move? Start your sentence with: The ground moves because the large pieces of rock called plates... (2 marks)**

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**3. What does the world look like after a big earthquake? Start your sentence with: After an earthquake, I might see... (2 marks)**

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**4. How can we stay safe? Start your sentence with: To stay safe, it is important to... (2 marks)**

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*Extension challenge: Can you draw a picture of the Earth's crust showing the giant plates and label them?*