

# Ch 19 Earthquakes

## Section 2 Guided Reading: *Seismic Waves and Earth's Interior*

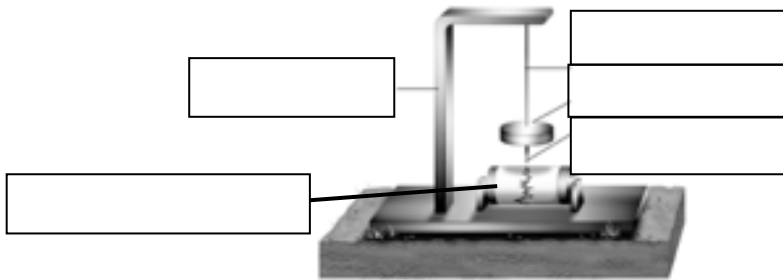
*Scan Section 2 of your text. Write three facts you discovered about seismic waves as you scanned the section.*

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Use your text to define the following terms*

4. mantle \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. seismometer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. encounter \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Label** the parts of the seismometer below.



**What if** a younger student is looking at the diagram above with you? Explain to the student how the seismometer works.

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**Create** two questions that can be answered using information from Figure 9 (Time Travel Curves) in your book. For example, "How long did it take the S-waves to move 2000 km from the epicenter of the earthquake?"

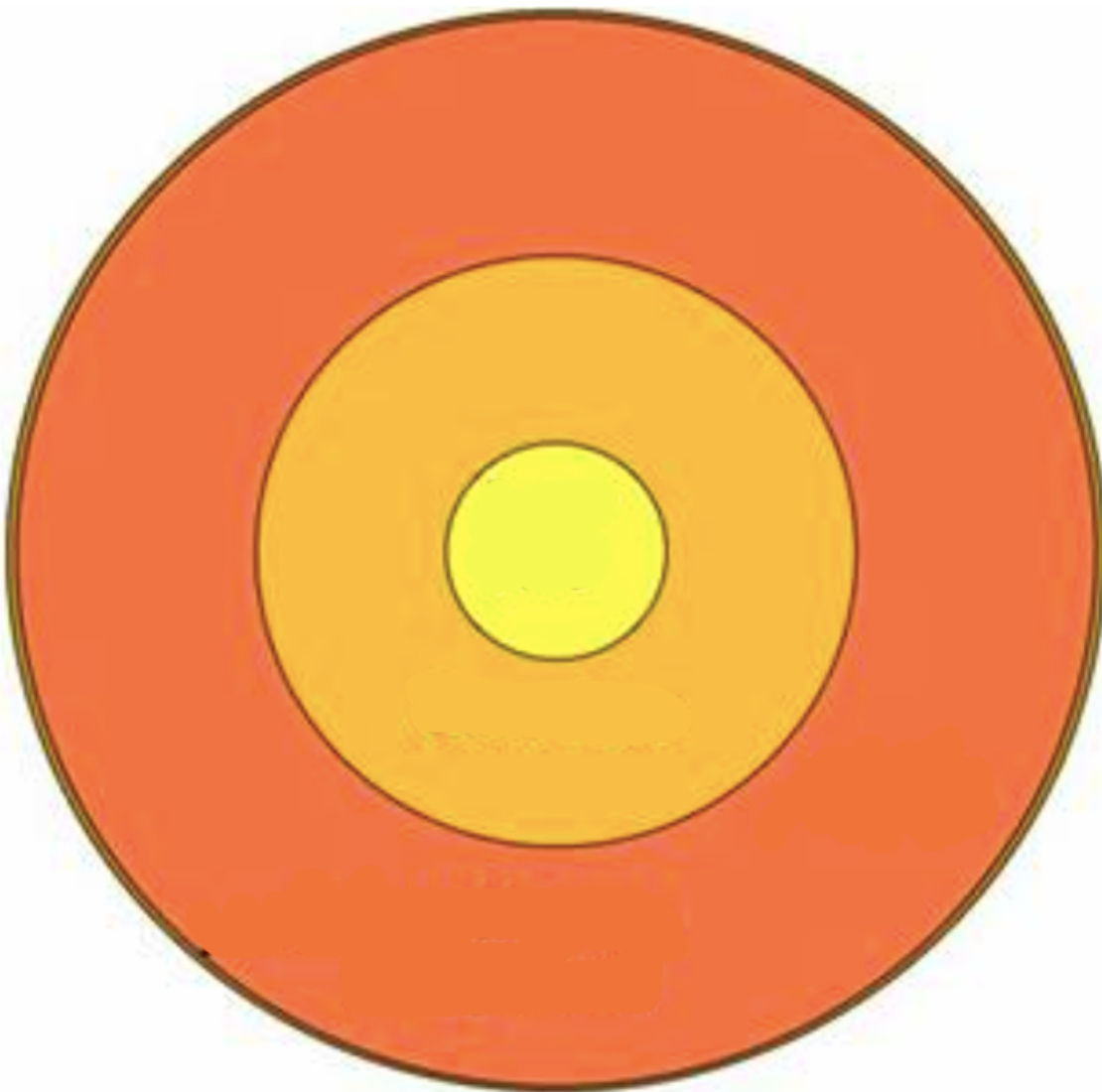
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Label this model of the interior of Earth with the following:

Inner Core    Outer Core    Mantle    Crust

Once you have labeled your model, **draw an earthquake focus** on the top of your model. Then draw and label how the following terms would appear. You will need to **draw P & S waves** on the diagram: **Hint:** pg16 of Notes

P-waves    P-wave shadow zones    S-waves    S-wave shadow zone



1. What are the two types of seismic waves produced at the focus?

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2. Describe how these two different types of seismic waves affect the rocks through which they travel.

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3. What type of wave can travel through the core? Explain why this is the only wave type shown in the core.

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4. What happens to P-waves when they strike the inner core?

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5. What is the P-wave shadow zone?

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6. Why have scientists reasoned that Earth's outer core is liquid?

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7. How have scientists inferred the composition of Earth's interior?

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8. What would happen if S-waves encountered a lake or pond? Explain your reasoning.

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