

divergent boundary *(di-ver-gent-bound-a-ry)*

Definition

n. A tectonic boundary where two plates are moving away from each other, and new crust is forming from magma that rises to the Earth's surface between the two plates.

Example Sentence

The Mid-Atlantic Ridge is a classic example of a **divergent boundary** where new oceanic crust is formed.

More Example Sentences

At a **divergent boundary**, magma rises to create new seafloor as tectonic plates pull apart.

Synonyms

spreading center; rift zone; constructive boundary

Antonyms

convergent boundary; collision zone; destructive boundary

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