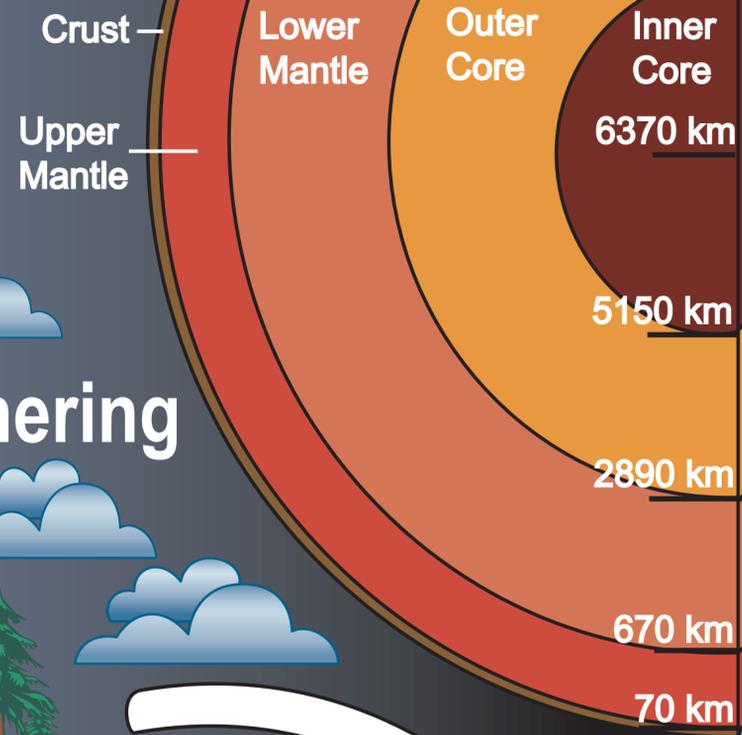


# PLANET EARTH

## Inside the Earth

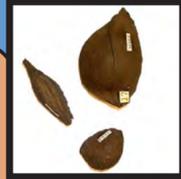
Planet Earth is made up of layers. All are solid except for the outer core. Internal heat causes movement of rocks in the mantle and in the thin surface crust.



The planet is a dynamic place. The surface of the Earth is always changing as part of the rock cycle.

### Intrusions and Volcanoes

Volcanic bombs



Some **IGNEOUS** rocks are formed from lava erupted by volcanoes. Others, like granite, cool down below the surface.

Basalt, Co. Antrim



### Weathering

Rocks at the surface are worn away by weathering and erosion and are transported as particles by rivers and the wind...

### Deposition

The particles end up in the ocean and settle to form layers on the sea bed...



Granite, Co. Carlow

As magma approaches the surface it cools and crystallises to become **IGNEOUS** rock.

### Magma

Magma rises upwards towards the surface of the Earth...

# The Rock Cycle

At extremely high temperatures, all crustal rocks melt and become magma...

When **SEDIMENTARY** rocks are subjected to pressure and temperature, they may become **METAMORPHIC** rock...

### Crustal melting

### Heat and Pressure

Slate, Co. Kerry



Limestone with fossils, Co. Longford



The layers become compacted and may form **SEDIMENTARY** rock. These rocks may contain fossils...



Sandstone, Co. Kerry



Peridotite, Co. Galway



Marble, Italy



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