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- 3. Crust: The layer of rock that forms Earth's outer surface
- 4. Density: The amount of mass in a given space; mass per unit volume
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- 5. Mantle: The layer of hot solid material between Earth's crust and core
- 6. <u>Outer Core</u>: A layer of molten metal, mainly nickel and iron **that surrounds earth's inner core**
- 7. Asthenosphere: The layer in Earth's upper mantle directly under the lithosphere
- 8. <u>Tectonic Plates</u>: The process in which the motion of a hot material under the crust changes and moves the crust of the Earth
- 9. Continental Drift: A hypothesis that Earth's continents move on the surface
- 10. Fault Lines: A crack in the Earth's surface
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