

## What is an earthquake?

Sometimes, when tectonic plates move, **pressure** that has built up over time is released. This causes the ground to shake.

This is called an earthquake

 Measured using the Richter
 Scale



## Earthquakes & Volcanoes

Damage caused by earthquakes:

- Cracks in the ground
- Buildings damaged or destroyed
- People hurt or injured
- Tsunamis (caused by earthquakes under the sea)