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## Level 2 Earth and Space Science 2021

### 91191 Demonstrate understanding of the causes of extreme Earth events in New Zealand

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**Regional map showing locations referred to in this paper**



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## QUESTION ONE: EDGEKUMBE EARTHQUAKE

At 1.42 p.m. on 2 March 1987, a magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck the Bay of Plenty, along the Edgecumbe Fault, at a depth of 8 kilometres.

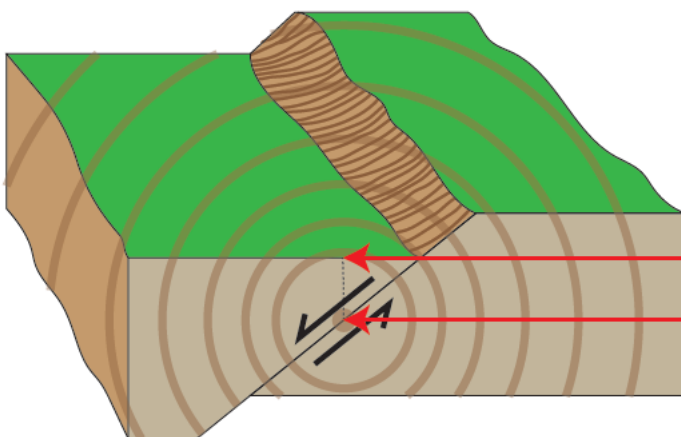


Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1987\\_Edgecumbe\\_earthquake](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1987_Edgecumbe_earthquake)

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The earthquake created a fissure 3 metres wide and 3–4 metres in depth, and caused the land to the north west of the epicentre to drop by 2.1 metres.

- (a) Label the diagram below to show the focus and epicentre, and the type of fault involved in this earthquake.



Type of fault shown:

- (b) With reference to the New Zealand map on page 2, explain how movement of tectonic plates could lead to an earthquake along the Edgecumbe Fault.

In your answer you should:

- name and describe the tectonic plates involved
- describe the plate boundary involved.







**QUESTION TWO: NEW ZEALAND'S ONLY FATAL TSUNAMI**

On 14 August 1868, a magnitude 8.5–9 earthquake occurred at a **convergent plate boundary**, off the coast of Chile near Arica, resulting in the formation of a tsunami.

15–20-metre-high waves arrived in Arica 52 minutes after the earthquake, while 12 hours later a 6-metre-high wave struck the Chatham Islands, washing three whānau (families) out to sea. Three hours later, 7-metre-high waves were reported at Lyttelton, New Zealand.

Refer to page 2 for the localities of Lyttelton and the Chatham Islands.

**6.00 hours since earthquake**

**10.00 hours since earthquake**



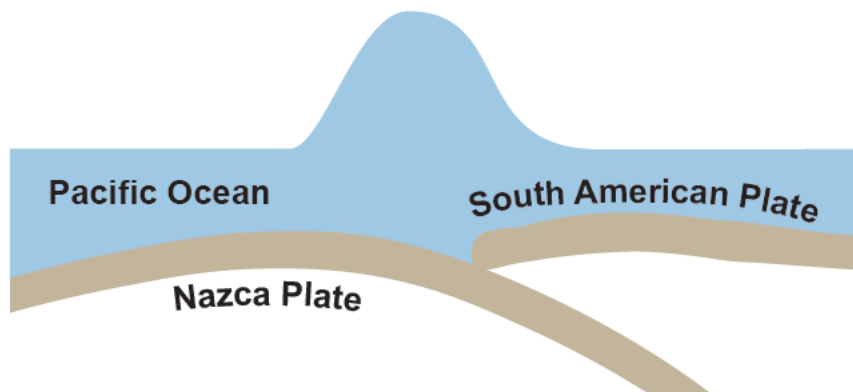
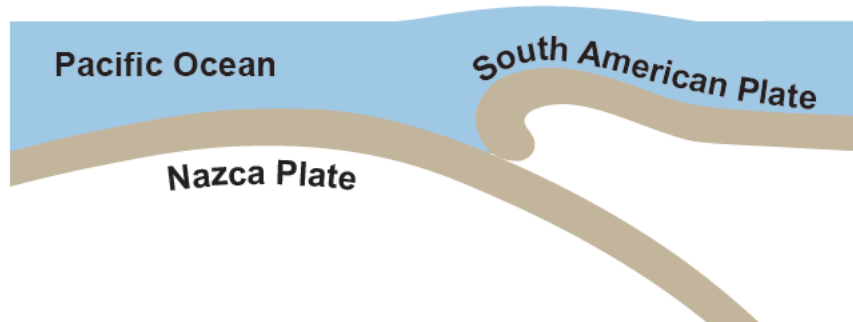
**14.00 hours since earthquake**



Source: [www.ecoast.co.nz/tsunami-of-august-1868](http://www.ecoast.co.nz/tsunami-of-august-1868)



- (a) Add arrows to the two diagrams below to show the convergent plate movement, and add annotations to describe what the diagrams are showing.





- (c) Discuss how an earthquake near Arica could produce tsunami waves 15 hours later at Lyttelton, and what happens to the height (amplitude), wavelength, and speed of a tsunami wave as it approaches a coastline (land).

*An annotated diagram may assist your explanation.*



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### QUESTION THREE: THE DUNEDIN VOLCANO



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Between 24–9 million years ago, there were a number of active basaltic hot spot volcanoes in the Otago region, including the Dunedin Volcano, which are all now extinct.

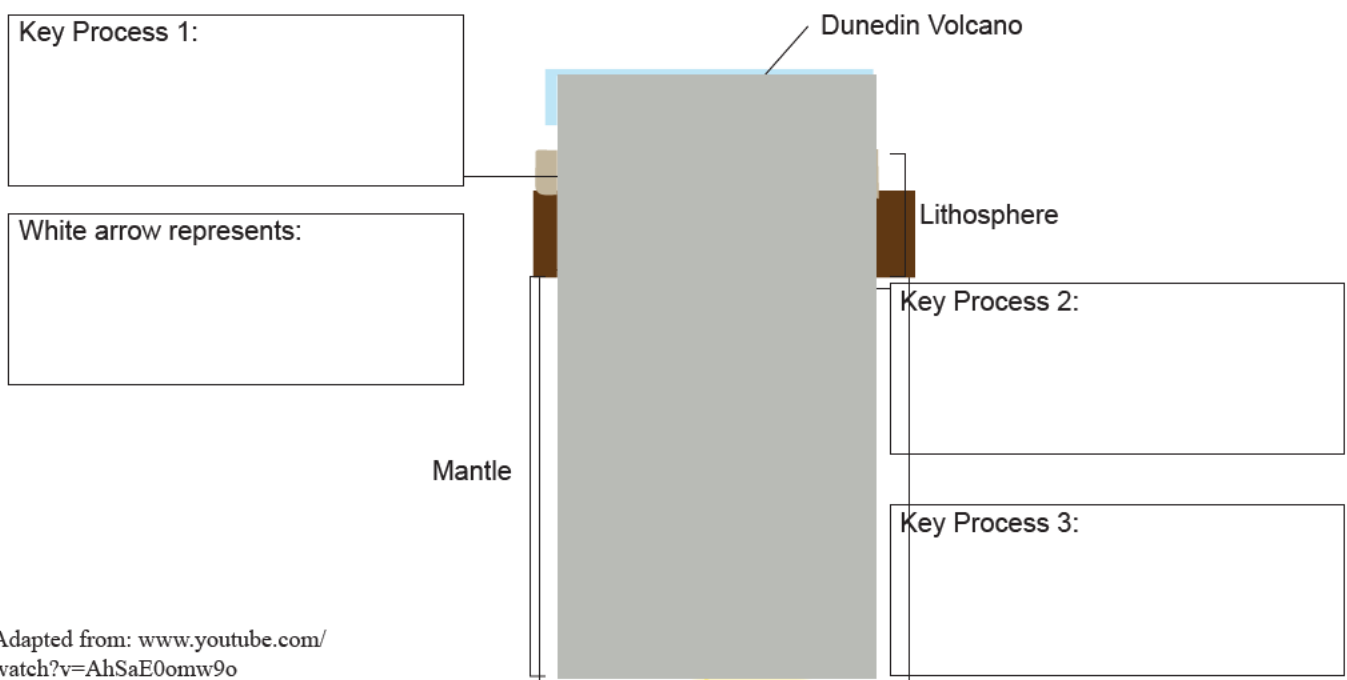
The Dunedin Volcano initially erupted below the ocean, forming a multi-vent shield volcano.

The volcano was probably around 1000 metres high, but over millions of years it has been eroded, with the remnants of the volcano crater now forming the hills around Otago Harbour.

- (a) The diagram below shows what occurred below the surface leading to the formation of the Dunedin Volcano.

Identify the following on the diagram:

- what the white arrow represents
- the three key processes that lead to the formation of basaltic lava – 1, 2, and 3.



Adapted from: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhSaE0omw9o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhSaE0omw9o)

- (b) Explain in detail the characteristics of basaltic lava, and how this leads to the formation of shield volcanoes.

*A diagram may assist your explanation.*



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- (c) Discuss the likely stages in the eruption of the Dunedin Volcano, and why it is now no longer active. *A diagram may assist your explanation.*



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