# Seismic Waves

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#### <mark>Seismic Waves</mark>

Definition of a seismic wave: An elastic wave in the Earth produced by an earthquake or other means, such as volcanoes erupting, moving magma, large landslides and large man made explosions that give out low-frequency acoustic energy. Seismic Waves Radiate from the Focus of an Earthquake

What the seismic wave does?

It travels out in all directions from the

focus through the surrounding rock.

Fault scarp

#### Seismic Waves Continued

#### **Different Kinds of Seismic Waves:**

**Body Wave** 

- Body Wave: A seismic wave that travel the body of a medium substance
- Surface Waves: A seismic wave that travels along the surface of a medium substance and has a stronger effect near the surface than the interior

Surface Wave

Seismic Source

#### Seismic waves pt.3

Body Waves: P and S waves are the parts of the body

waves and

P wave: is a primary wave that move back and forth parallel to the direction in which the waves traveling, through Solids, liquids and gasses

S wave: A shear wave, that causes particles of a rock to move in a side-to-side direction perpendicular to the direction in which the wave is traveling. They are the second fastest wave and can only travel through solids.





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#### Other forms of waves in science

- Sound waves: a wave of compression and rarefaction, by which sound is propagated in an elastic medium such as air.
- Sound waves travel through air. In space there is no air, so sound waves can't travel.
- Electromagnetic waves: One of the waves ha are propagated by simultaneous periodic variations of electric and magnetic field inside and ha include radio waves, infrared, visible light, ultraviolet, X rays, and gamma rays.
- Only type of wave that can travel through empty space.





#### Other forms of waves in science

- Mechanical Waves: A wave that is an oscillation of matter, and therefore transfers energy through a medium.
- Longitudinal waves are a type of Mechanical wave that vibrates in the direction of propagation.
- A Transverse wave is a wave vibrating at right angles to the direction of its propagation.
- <u>Types of waves video</u>





#### **Forms of Electromagnetic waves in Science**

- Microwaves: It is an Electromagnetic wave with a wavelength in the range 0.001-0.3
- Microwaves fall between Infrared Light, but after radio waves. Microwaves cannot pass through solids. That is why they bounce of metal and cook your food
- Gamma wave: penetrating electromagnetic radiation of a kind arising from the radioactive decay of atomic nuclei.
- Gamma Rays are Used in Medicine to Treat inter





#### Forms of Electromagnetic waves in Science Pt. 2

- Radio waves: an electromagnetic wave of a frequency between about 104 and 1011 or 1012 Hz, as used for long-distance communication.
- Radio waves are used for Communication, Broadcasting, Radar, and other Navigation systems
- Naturally occurring radio waves are made by Lightning or by Astronomical objects.
- Large doses of radio waves are believed to cause Cancer, Leukaemia. And other disorders.





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