earthquake

[ˈɜːθkweɪk] *n*
землетрясение
earthquake lights /lightning/ - яркие световые вспышки при землетрясениях
earthquake engineering - а) прикладная сейсмология; б) техника строительства в сейсмоопасных районах, сейсмическое строительство
social and political earthquake - социальный и политический катаклизм

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earth·quake [earthquake earthquakes] *BrE* [ˈɜθkweɪk]   *NAmE* [ˈɜrθkweɪk]
(*also* informal **quake**) noun
a sudden, violent shaking of the earth's surface
  • damage caused by a powerful earthquake
  • The earthquake measured 6 • 8 on the Richter scale.
  See also: ↑quake

  Example Bank:
    • It was the biggest earthquake ever recorded in the US.
    • The area has not experienced a major earthquake in more than 700 years.
    • The block of flats was destroyed in an earthquake.
    • The earthquake hit the city at two in the morning.
    • The earthquake shook buildings throughout the business district.
    • The school was built to withstand earthquakes.
    • You can't accurately predict earthquakes.
    • an earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale
    • an organization which monitors earthquake activity
    • the evacuation of coastlines within 600 miles of the earthquake's epicentre/epicenter
    • the tsunami caused by an undersea earthquake

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earth·quake /ˈɜθkweɪk $ ˈɜrθ-/ *BrE*   *AmE*   noun [countable]
  a sudden shaking of the earth's surface that often causes a lot of damage ⇨ **seismic**:
      An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale struck southern California on June 28.
      The city is in an earthquake zone.
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  COLLOCATIONS
    ■**adjectives**
      ▪ **big/large** This is the biggest earthquake ever recorded in this area.
      ▪ **small** The town experiences dozens of small earthquakes every year.
      ▪ **powerful** (=*with a lot of force*) Flights were cancelled after a powerful earthquake shook the northwest of the country.
      ▪ **a major earthquake** (=*very big*) If a major earthquake hits a large city, millions could die.
      ▪ **a minor earthquake** (=*a small one*) Minor earthquakes are relatively common.
      ▪ **a great/massive earthquake** (=*extremely big*) 1906 is remembered for the great earthquake that destroyed San Francisco.
      ▪ **a severe/devastating earthquake** (=*causing a lot of damage*) The whole town was flattened by a devastating earthquake.
    ■**verbs**
      ▪ **an earthquake happens** (*also* **an earthquake occurs** *formal*) Scientists cannot predict when an earthquake will occur.
      ▪ **an earthquake hits/strikes a place** (=*happens in a particular place*) The region was struck by a major earthquake last year.
      ▪ **an earthquake destroys/damages something** The earthquake completely destroyed all the buildings on the island.
      ▪ **an earthquake measures 5/6.4 etc on the Richter Scale** The earthquake, which measured 7.6 on the Richter scale, left more than 20,000 homeless.
    ■**phrases**
      ▪ **the magnitude of an earthquake** (=*how powerful it is*) Measuring stations identify the location and magnitude of an earthquake within a few minutes of the event.
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  THESAURUS
      ▪ **earthquake** a sudden shaking of the earth's surface: The earthquake destroyed homes, telephone lines and roads.
      ▪ **quake** *informal* an earthquake – used especially in journalism: More than 2000 people died when a quake hit the island of Flores.
      ▪ **tremor** a small movement in the earth's surface in which the ground shakes slightly: He was awoken by a series of tremors during the night.
      ▪ **aftershock** further movements in the earth's surface that happen after a larger earthquake: In the days after the earthquake, the area suffered a series of aftershocks.
      ▪ **tsunami** an ocean wave caused by an earthquake under the water: There was no warning of the approaching tsunami.

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