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RHYME & RHYTHM

Part I: Analyze the Lyrics!

Read the Flocabulary lyrics below.

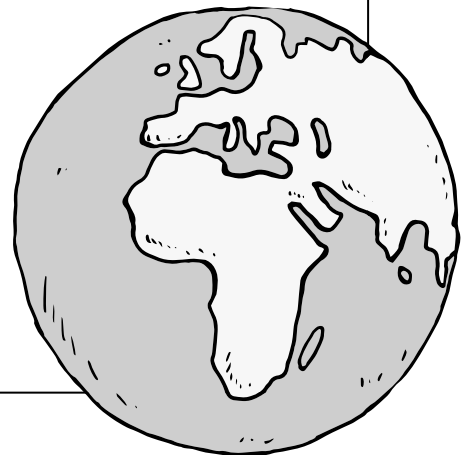
Earth Layers & Plate Tectonics

Verse 1:

The Earth is made of rock, but it's not that simple,
There's four layers to it, the inner core's in the middle.
It's made mostly of iron, you gotta love it,
Very hot, yet solid due to the layers above it.
They cause pressure, keep it real solid,
Next up, the outer core's what I call it.
Less pressure, but real hot, so it's liquid,
Free flowing metal, is this picture vivid?
There's currents in the molten rock,
After the core's the mantle, it don't stop.
It's mostly solid with two parts, listen here,
The asthenosphere and the mesosphere.
The asthenosphere's a very thin layer, can you dig it? Nope!
Very hot and nearly, but not quite, a liquid.
That's a key fact, let me tell you why homie,
It lets the Earth's top layers move above slowly.
See the crust is the very top layer,
It's part of the lithosphere, better care 'cause,
It's broken into huge rocks called tectonic plates,
They can shift and affect the Earth in big ways.

Hook:

*Follow me, you're about to learn about the Earth more,
From the only rapper hotter than the Earth's core.
Inner core, outer core, mantle and the crust,
With their tectonic plates, everybody listen up.
(2x)*

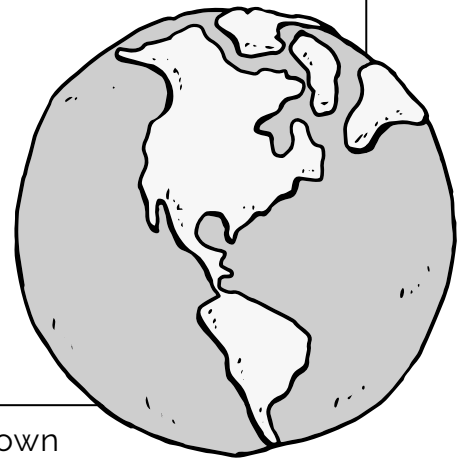




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Verse 2:

Now that you understand the basics, let's face it,
And talk about what happens when the plates shift.
See beginning around 1600,
Geographers noticed something crazy and wondered:
Did continents from all sides of the planet
Use to fit all together like a puzzle?
Understand it was a theory, so they studied their rocks and their fossils,
And said there was a supercontinent that was colossal.
Called Pangaea, one big land mass,
Where the continents were grouped all together in the past
Then tectonic plates caused continental drift,
It means the continents moved when the Earth's crust shifted.
See these plate movements cause land formations,
And ocean floor features on Earth, it's amazing.
Today they still move, pushing up against each other,
Like a kid and big brother in the car on vacation.
The borders between plates are known as faults,
Where earthquake cause shakes, and I don't mean malts.
Scientists use a seismograph to record the magnitude,
It means size but I call it earthquake attitude.
Movement at the fault? I should say so,
Also causes deep trenches and volcanoes.
Come to LA, I got a place you can stay,
Just don't let the earthquakes scare you away.



1. Reread the last four lines of the song shown below. Write down next to each line how many syllables it contains.

Movement at the fault? I should say so,	Syllables: _____
Also causes deep trenches and volcanoes.	Syllables: _____
Come to LA, I got a place you can stay,	Syllables: _____
Just don't let the earthquakes scare you away.	Syllables: _____

2. What is the rhyme scheme of the lines above? _____
3. Find one example of perfect rhyme in the song. Circle the end words.
4. Find one example of slant rhyme in the song. Draw a box around the end words.
5. What other techniques did the lyricist use to make these lines catchy?



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Part II: Write Your Own!

Write at least 4 lines that rhyme. You can use any rhyme scheme. If you don't know what to write about, reread the Flocabulary lyrics on the previous pages and choose one topic to describe in your own words. You can use Flocabulary's Lyric Lab for help writing your rhyme, too. When you're done, practice reading your work out loud. Then, revise your work for rhythm and flow.

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