

Figure 4 shows some information about earthquakes.

Strength of earthquake on the Richter Scale	Example	Death toll	Description	Average number of earthquakes per year
0 - 1.9			Minor	700,000
2 - 2.9			Minor	300,000
3 - 3.9			Minor	40,000
4 - 4.9			Light	6,200
5 - 5.9	1960, Morocco	14,000	Moderate	800
6 - 6.9	1988, Armenia	25,000	Strong	120
7 - 7.9	1995, Japan	5,500	Major	18
8 - 8.9	1964, Alaska	131	Great	1 every 10-20 years

Figure 4

(a) (i) Figure 4 shows that the earthquake in Japan in 1995 measured between 7 and 7.9 on the Richter Scale.

How should it be described?

Tick one box.

Strong

Major

Great
(1 mark)

(ii) What happens to the number of earthquakes per year as the strength increases?

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(1 mark)

(iii) Using Figure 4, give the location of the earthquake that caused the least loss of life.

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(iv) Using Figure 4, what was the strength of the earthquake that caused the greatest loss of life?

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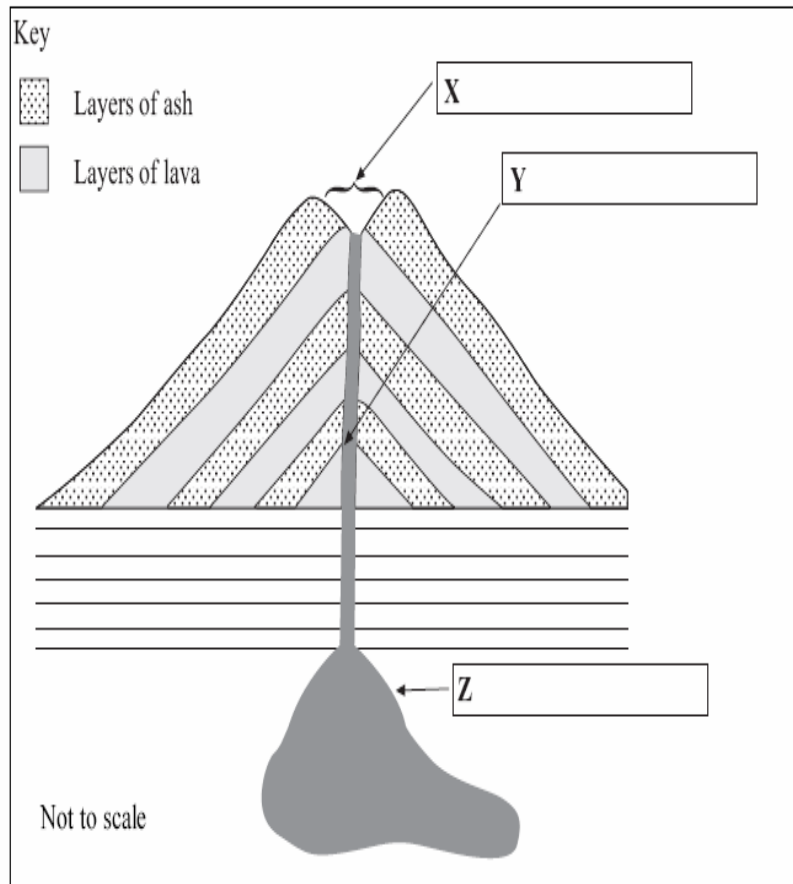
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(v) Why do some earthquakes cause more deaths than others?

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(3 marks)

(b) Study **Figure 5**, which shows a cross section through Mount Vesuvius, a composite volcano.



(i) On Figure 5, label features X, Y and Z.
(3 marks)

(ii) Tick the correct box below to show the type of plate boundary where a composite volcano is formed.

Tensional boundary

Compressional boundary

(1 mark)

