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Since 1900 there has been about one earthquake in the world per year, and about eighteen major earthquakes every year. The first table shows a number of earthquakes in the USA between 1900 and 1996. The second chart shows some of the worst earthquakes since 1900.

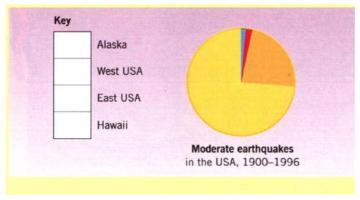
I. Number of earthquakes in the USA, 1900-1996

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	West USA	East USA	Alaska	Hawaii
very strong	1	0	7	0
	18	0	84	1
(earthquakes)	129	1	411	15
	611	41	1886	36
very light	3171	355	8362	315

II. Some of the worst earthquakes since 1900

Year	Location	Approximate deaths		
1976	China (Tangshan)	255 000		
1927	China (Xining)	200 000		
1920	China (Gansu)	200 000		
1923	Japan (Kwanto)	143 000		
1908	Italy (Messina)	70 000		
1932	China (Gansu)	70 000		
1970	Peru	66 000		
1935	Pakistan (Quetta)	60 000		
1990	Iran	50 000		

- 1. Rearrange the earthquakes in graph II., so that they are listed in order of their year.
- 2. Draw a bar graph called 'The worst earthquakes of the last century'.



- 3. Look at this pie graph and at graph I. Complete the key.
- 4. Look at chart I. and answer

these questions:

- → How many moderate earthquakes were there in western USA?
- → Which area had the most great earthquakes?
- → How many light earthquakes did Hawaii have?
- → Which area had the most earthquakes?