

Glossary : Earthquakes

bar graph/ bar chart – graph on which bars of varying height are used to show quantities

epicentre – point at which the earthquake reaches the earth's surface

fault – break in the layers of rock, caused by movement of the earth's crust

focus – centre of activity of an earthquake

Mercalli scale – scale for describing the intensity of earthquakes

pie graph/ pie chart – diagram consisting of a circle divided into sections that show proportions of

the whole

Richter scale – scale for measuring the intensity of earthquakes

seismograph – instrument for detecting earthquakes and recording how strong they are and how

long they last

to scrape along sth – to rub against sth