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Earth Science Cheat Sheet

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② Relative Age Dating

Principle of Superposition: comparison of dates

Principle of Lateral Continuity all rock formations thin out at the ends to have a lenticular shape

Relative Age:Uncomformities

Non-	the boundary
comfo-	between igneous/m-
rmity	etamorphic and
	sedimentary
Angular	part of the formation
	is tilted but it is
	covered by a flat
	deposit
discom	there is a gap in time
formity	between sedimentary
	layers

There are three types of unconformities that you can observe in rock formations

Minerals vs Non-Minerals

Is it inorganic?	inorganic: not made of living things or the remains of living things
Does it occur naturally Is it a Crystalline Solid	naturally: forms and exists in nature A crystalline solid is whe its atoms are arranged inan orderly way
chem. comp.	for each atom of this, there are atom of this questions, it is a

mineral. Otherwise, it is not a

mineral.

Silicates and Non-Silicates

Silicates Silicone + Oxygen + fledspar, potassium, or sodium is a

silicate
Feldspar is the most common

case of silicates
96% of the 50% of the

Earth's crust is silicates are composed of Feldspar and Silicates quartz

Non-silicates

non-silicates are basically the rest of the minerals that are not silicates

They make up the rest 4% of the Earth's crust

They are split into 6 groups

Carbonates	CO 3
Halides	Cl or F +
	Na,K, or Ca
Native elements	uncombined
Oxides	O + anything but Si
Sulfates	SO 4
Sulfides	S + I + anything else

Earthquakes

How	stress builds up at
earthq-	fault to the point
uakes	where it is locked
start:	when pressure gets
	too great, the rocks
	slip and create the
	earthquake
Elastic	like a slinky, it
rebound	deforms then settles
	back to its original
	spot

Seismic Waves

Earthquakes (cont)

Body Wave	travels through the middle of the bodies
P-waves	can go through solids, liquids, and gases and faster than S-waves
S-waves	can only go through solids and slower than P-waves
Surface Wave	travels along the surface of the body
Rayleigh Waves	elliptical rolling motions
Love Waves	side-to-side
Shadow	Parts of the Earth
zones	where body waves

can't reach



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