

# divergent boundary *(di-ver-gent-bound-a-ry)*

## Definition

n. A tectonic boundary where two plates are moving away from each other, and new crust is forming from magma that rises to the Earth's surface between the two plates.

## Example Sentence

The Mid-Atlantic Ridge is a classic example of a **divergent boundary** where new oceanic crust is formed.

## More Example Sentences

At a **divergent boundary**, magma rises to create new seafloor as tectonic plates pull apart.

## Synonyms

spreading center; rift zone; constructive boundary

## Antonyms

convergent boundary; collision zone; destructive boundary

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