

# **lithosphere** (*lith-o-sphere*)

## **Definition**

n. the rigid outer part of the earth, consisting of the crust and upper mantle, which is divided into tectonic plates.

## **Example Sentence**

Did you know that the outer crust of the earth is called the **lithosphere**?

## **More Example Sentences**

Scientists study the **lithosphere** to learn about the Earth's structure and tectonic activity.

## **Synonyms**

earth's crust; crust; tectonic plates

## **Antonyms**

earth's core

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