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## UNIT SIX: Earth's Structure

"Chapter 18 Earth's History and Rocks

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## Chapter Nineteen: Changing Earth

-19.1 Inside Earth

- 19.2 Plate Tectonics
- 19.3 Plate Boundaries
- 19.4 Metamorphic Rocks


### 19.4 Learning Goals

- Define metamorphism.
- Identify characteristics of metamorphic rocks.
- Differentiate between regional and contact metamorphism.


### 19.4 Metamorphic Rocks

-     * The word metamorphic means "changed form."

formed from another
kind of rock due to heat and pressure.


### 19.4 Metamorphic rock

*     * Large-scale metamorphic events, called regional metamorphism, occur when lithospheric plates subduct or collide.



### 19.4 Metamorphic rocks

" * When magma comes in contact with another type of rock, the high heat may form metamorphic rock near the point of contact.

-     * This is called contact metamorphism.


### 19.4 Metamorphic rocks

- Limestone is a rock

Limestone


Sedimentary rock made of microscopic shells

Metamorphic rock
made of calcite crystals

## During contact metamorphism limestone becomes marble under heat and pressure.

Marble

### 19.4 Metamorphic rocks

* High-grade
metamorphism involves high pressure and either low or high temperatures.
* In this process, the minerals in a rock change to form new minerals.

Direction of pressure


Layers of minerals across direction of pressure

## Forming Metamorphic Rocks



### 19.4 Changing rocks

|  |  | Material/Rock | Earth Process |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Loose silt and clay | Sediments carried to low basins; grains in loose contact |
|  |  | Compact silt and clay | Compaction due to weight of sediments presses grains together; excess water removed |
|  |  | Mudstone | Lithification (rock formation); pressure causes grain points to fuse; pore spaces may fill with other minerals |
| ส |  | Slate and phyllite | Clay minerals recrystallize to micas due to pressure; rock develops a tendency to split into sheets |
|  |  | Schist | Minerals are recrystallized and micas increase in size |
|  |  | Gneiss | New minerals form in alternating light and dark bands. |
|  |  | Migmatite | Transition to igneous rock; some minerals in rock begin to melt |
|  | 若 | Any | Rock melts forming magma; magma cools and cystallizes to form igneous rocks |

### 19.4 Metamorphic rocks



-     * Heat and pressure result when colliding continents form mountains at a convergent boundary.
-     * Mountains are where we find metamorphic rocks.



### 19.4 Metamorphic rocks tell great stories



Clues that a subduction zone existed

## Geologists use rocks as clues to understand the history of Earth.



Gneiss
A clue that a mountain range once existed

## PALEONTOLOGY CONNECTION

## Mass Extinction:



## Devastation and Opportunity



- At the end of the Cretaceous Period, almost all of Earth's large vertebrates (including the dinosaurs), and most of the oceans' plankton became extinct. Research is currently underway to find out what caused this mass extinction.
- Metamorphic Rock SMART Presentation

