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Earth's Spreading Ocean Floor

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KEY CONCEPTS

▲ Ocean-floor spreading helps to explain how continents drift.

** Copy the Question & Answer*

Building Vocabulary Skills: Completing Sentences

Complete each sentence by filling in the correct term.

1. Underwater mountain chains associated with ocean-floor spreading are known as _____.
2. In a process called _____, ocean floor moves away from the midocean ridge and lava erupts onto the ocean floor to make new ocean floor.
3. Thin cracks that run across midocean ridges are known as _____.
4. A (An) _____ is a deep V-shaped valley that lies along the bottom of the ocean.
5. _____ is the process in which crust plunges back into the Earth.