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A Complicated Planet Indeed

When discussing the onion-like nature of the Earth, it is important to mention there is some d

The lithosphere is the rocky ground upon which we live. Technically, it is comprised of the cr

The mantle is the next layer below the lithosphere. The mantle consists of hot, molten rock an

To make things a bit more confusing, a layer of the upper mantle is known as the asthenosphere

The outer core lies a few thousand miles below the crust. While this may sound like a vague es

At the very center of the planet is the inner core. Little is known about the inner core other

Regardless of how you categorize the makeup of the Earth, it is clear our planet is unique in

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