

<p style="text-align: center;">ABSOLUTE LOCATION</p> <p>the exact location of a place on the earth— described by its global coordinates (longitude and latitude)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARCHIPELAGO</p> <p>a group or chain of islands clustered together in a sea or ocean</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ATOLL</p> <p>a ring (or partial ring) of coral that forms an island in an ocean or sea</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BASIN</p> <p>an area of land drained by a given river and its branches</p> <p>an area of land surrounded by higher land</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BAY</p> <p>part of a large body of water that extends into a shoreline, generally smaller than a gulf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BUTTE</p> <p>a flat-topped rock or hill formation with steep sides</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CANAL</p> <p>a man-made waterway used for transportation or irrigation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CANYON</p> <p>a deep and narrow valley with steep walls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CAPE</p> <p>a point of land that extends into a river, lake, or ocean</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">CHANNEL</p> <p>a wide strait or waterway between two landmasses that lie close to each other</p> <p>a deep part of a river or other waterway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CLIFF</p> <p>a steep, high wall of rock, earth, or ice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONTINENT</p> <p>one of the seven large landmasses on the earth</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COVE</p> <p>A small, horseshoe-shaped body of water along the coast—the water is surrounded by land formed of soft rock</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CULTURAL FEATURE</p> <p>characteristic that humans have created in a place, such as language, religion, housing, and settlement patterns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DELTA</p> <p>flat, low-lying land built up from soil carried downstream by a river and deposited at its mouth</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DESERT</p> <p>a very dry area</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DIVIDE</p> <p>a stretch of high land that separates river systems</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DOWNSTREAM</p> <p>direction in which a river or stream flows from its source to its mouth</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">DUNE</p> <p>a hill or a ridge made of sand, constantly shaped and changed by the wind</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELEVATION</p> <p>the height of land above sea level</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EQUATOR</p> <p>an imaginary line that runs around the earth halfway between the North and South Poles—used as a starting point to measure latitude</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ESTUARY</p> <p>where a river meets the sea or ocean</p> <p>where the water is fresh part of the day and salty or brackish the rest of the day because of the tides</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FJORD</p> <p>a long, narrow sea inlet that is bordered by steep cliffs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GLACIER</p> <p>large, thick body of slowly-moving ice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GULF</p> <p>a large body of water that extends into a shoreline, generally larger and more deeply indented than a bay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HARBOR</p> <p>a sheltered place along the shoreline where ships can safely anchor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HIGHLAND</p> <p>elevated land area such as a hill, mountain, or plateau</p>

<p>HILL</p> <p>elevated land with sloping sides and rounded summit, generally smaller than a mountain</p>	<p>INLET</p> <p>an indentation of water into land—usually small in size</p>	<p>ISLAND</p> <p>a land area, smaller than a continent, completely surrounded by water</p>
<p>ISTHMUS</p> <p>a narrow stretch of land connecting two larger land areas</p>	<p>LAGOON</p> <p>a shallow body of water that is located alongside a coast and separated from the ocean by a strip of land or a sandbank</p>	<p>LAKE</p> <p>a sizeable inland body of water</p>
<p>LATITUDE</p> <p>the distance north or south of the Equator, measured in degrees</p>	<p>LONGITUDE</p> <p>the distance east or west of the Prime Meridian, measured in degrees</p>	<p>LOWLAND</p> <p>land, usually relatively level, at a low elevation</p>

<p>MAP</p> <p>a drawing of the earth shown on a flat surface</p>	<p>MARSH</p> <p>a type of freshwater, brackish water, or saltwater wetland that is found along rivers, pond, lakes, and coasts—where marsh plants grow up out of the water</p>	<p>MERIDIAN</p> <p>one of many imaginary lines on the global grid running from the North Pole to the South Pole—used to measure degrees of longitude</p>
<p>MESA</p> <p>broad, flat-topped landform with steep sides—smaller than a plateau</p>	<p>MOUNTAIN</p> <p>land with steep sides that rises sharply (1000 feet or more) from surrounding land—generally larger and more rugged than a hill</p>	<p>MOUNTAIN PEAK</p> <p>the pointed top of a mountain</p>
<p>MOUNTAIN RANGE</p> <p>a series of connected mountains</p>	<p>MOUTH</p> <p>the place where a river or stream flows into a larger body of water</p>	<p>OASIS</p> <p>a place in the desert that has water and is fertile</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">OCEAN</p> <p>one of the <i>five</i> major bodies of salt water that surround the continents: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, and Southern</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OCEAN CURRENT</p> <p>a stream of either warm or cold water that moves in a definite direction through the ocean</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARALLEL</p> <p>one of many imaginary lines on the global grid that circle the earth north or south of the Equator—used to measure degrees of latitude</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PENINSULA</p> <p>a body of land that juts into a lake or ocean, surrounded on three sides by water</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PHYSICAL FEATURE</p> <p>characteristic of a place occurring naturally, such as a landform, a body of water, a climate pattern, or a resource</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLAIN</p> <p>an area of level land, usually at a low elevation and often covered with grasses</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PLATEAU</p> <p>an area of flat or rolling land at a high elevation—about 300 to 3000 feet above sea level</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POND</p> <p>a small body of water surrounded by land, smaller than a lake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAIRIE</p> <p>a wide, relatively flat area of land covered with grasses and with relatively few trees</p>

<p>PRIME MERIDIAN</p> <p>the imaginary line on the global grid that run from the North Pole to the South Pole through the city of Greenwich, England—it is the starting point for measuring degrees of longitude</p>	<p>REEF</p> <p>an undersea growth of coral near the surface of the water</p>	<p>RELIEF</p> <p>changes in elevation over a given area of land</p>
<p>RESERVOIR</p> <p>a man-made lake that stores water for future use</p>	<p>RIVER</p> <p>a large, natural stream of water that runs through the land</p>	<p>SEA</p> <p>a large body of water completely or partly surrounded by land</p>
<p>SEACOAST</p> <p>land lying next to a sea or ocean</p>	<p>SEA LEVEL</p> <p>the position on land level with the surface of a nearby ocean or sea</p>	<p>SOUND</p> <p>a body of water between a coastline and one or more islands off the coast</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">SOURCE</p> <p>the place where a river or stream begins, often in the highlands</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STRAIT</p> <p>a narrow stretch of water joining two larger bodies of water</p> <p>also called a “narrows”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWAMP</p> <p>a type of freshwater wetland that has spongy, muddy land and a lot of water—many trees and shrubs grow there</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TRIBUTARY</p> <p>a small river or stream that flows into a larger river or stream</p> <p>a branch of a river</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TUNDRA</p> <p>a cold, treeless area, the coldest biome</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">UPSTREAM</p> <p>direction opposite to the flow of a river or stream—toward the source</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">VALLEY</p> <p>an area of low land between hills or mountains</p> <p>a V-shaped valley was carved by water</p> <p>a U-shaped valley was carved by a glacier</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">VOLCANO</p> <p>a mountain created as liquid rock or ash erupt from inside the earth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WATERFALL</p> <p>where a river falls off steeply from the land</p>

WATERSHED	WETLAND	
the area in which a river and all its tributaries drain	an area of land that seldom dries out, so plants in wetlands are adapted to life in wet soil	