LEARNING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY VOCABULARY

This unit will help you understand the words we use to talk about geography. Learning to use these words will be helpful as you study the geography of our world.

GEOGRAPHY WORDS 1

Read and study the words in the box below.

bay: a smaller part of a larger body of water, partly enclosed by land

coast: the land next to a large body of water

coastal plain: the low, flat land near a large body of water

gulf: a large area of water partly surrounded by land

harbor: a place on a coast where ships can safely dock

ocean: a large body of salt water

peninsula: a piece of land with water on three sides

sea: a large body of salt water surrounded by land
GEOGRAPHY WORDS 1 MATCHING

Match the words from the box to the correct definition.

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<td>peninsula</td>
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<td>harbor</td>
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<td>coastal plain</td>
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1. _______ a large body of salt water surrounded by land
2. _______ the low, flat land near a large body of water
3. _______ a large area of water partly surrounded by land
4. _______ the land next to a large body of water
5. _______ a place on a coast where ships can safely dock
6. _______ a piece of land with water on three sides
7. _______ a large body of salt water
8. _______ a smaller part of a larger body of water, partly enclosed by land
GEOGRAPHY WORDS 1

WHAT AM I?

1. I am a piece of land with water on three sides. I am a _________.
   a. coastal plain
   b. bay
   c. peninsula
   d. harbor

2. I am a place on a coast where ships can safely dock. I am _________.
   a. a gulf
   b. an ocean
   c. a coast
   d. a harbor

3. I am the land next to an ocean. I am a _________.
   a. coast
   b. gulf
   c. peninsula
   d. harbor

4. I am a large area of water, partly surrounded by land. I am a _____.
   a. peninsula
   b. coast
   c. sea
   d. gulf

5. I am the low flat land near an ocean. I am a _____________.
   a. sea
   b. coastal plain
   c. peninsula
   d. bay
**GEOGRAPHY WORDS 2**

*Read and study the words in the box below.*

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<th>Word</th>
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<td>bank</td>
<td>the sloping land on the side of a river or other body of water</td>
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<td>branch</td>
<td>a small stream or river that flows into a larger one</td>
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<td>delta</td>
<td>the land formed at the mouth of a river, usually in the shape of a triangle</td>
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<td>fall line</td>
<td>a location where the land level drops, and waterfalls form</td>
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<td>lake</td>
<td>a body of fresh water or salt water surrounded by land</td>
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<td>mouth of a river</td>
<td>a place where a river empties into a larger body of water</td>
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<td>river</td>
<td>a large stream of water</td>
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<td>river basin</td>
<td>the land drained by a river and its branches</td>
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<td>river valley</td>
<td>the low land through which a river flows</td>
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<td>source of a river</td>
<td>the place where a river begins</td>
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<td>stream</td>
<td>a small body of running water</td>
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<td>swamp</td>
<td>a wet lowland</td>
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<td>tributary</td>
<td>a stream or river that flows into a larger one</td>
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<td>waterway</td>
<td>a body of water used by ships</td>
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GEOGRAPHY WORDS 2
WORD SEARCH

BANK  DELTA  LAKE  RIVER  STREAM  TRIBUTARY
BRANCH  FALL LINE  MOUTH  SOURCE  SWAMP  WATERWAY
GEOGRAPHY WORDS 2
WHAT AM I?

1. I am a body of water that ships can use. What am I?
   a. a swamp
   b. a waterway
   c. a lake
   d. a stream

2. I am the place where a river begins. What am I?
   a. the river valley
   b. the river basin
   c. the tributary
   d. the source of the river

3. I am a stream that flows into a larger river. What am I?
   a. a lake
   b. a fall line
   c. a tributary
   d. a delta

4. I am the sloping land on both sides of a river. What am I?
   a. the bank
   b. the delta
   c. a swamp
   d. a branch

5. I am the triangular land formed at the mouth of a river. What am I?
   a. the delta
   b. a tributary
   c. a swamp
   d. the fall line
### GEOGRAPHY WORDS 3

*Read and study the words in the box below.*

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<td>basin</td>
<td>a low, bowl-shaped area in the land or water</td>
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<td>canyon</td>
<td>a narrow valley with steep sides, formed by water</td>
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<td>cliff</td>
<td>a high, steep wall of rock</td>
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<td>desert</td>
<td>a very dry region</td>
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<td>foothill</td>
<td>a low hill at the base of a mountain</td>
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<td>hill</td>
<td>a raised part of the land, smaller than a mountain</td>
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<td>mesa</td>
<td>a flat-topped hill with steep sides</td>
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<td>mountain</td>
<td>a large, raised part of the land</td>
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<td>peak</td>
<td>the pointed top of a mountain</td>
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<td>plain</td>
<td>a large area of flat or rolling land</td>
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<td>plateau</td>
<td>an area of high, flat land</td>
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<td>slope</td>
<td>the side of a mountain or hill</td>
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<td>valley</td>
<td>the low land between mountains or hills</td>
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<td>volcano</td>
<td>a opening in the earth that throws out melted rock and gases</td>
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GEOGRAPHY WORDS 3
WORD UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following words.

1. lvoonac ____________________________
2. yevlla ____________________________
3. lsepo ____________________________
4. snaib ____________________________
5. anniotum ____________________________
6. emas ____________________________
7. sderet ____________________________
8. flifc ____________________________
9. lfitolho ____________________________
10. akpe ____________________________
11. naocyn ____________________________
12. ilhl ____________________________
13. nlapi ____________________________
14. autplae ____________________________
Across
2. a flat-topped hill with steep sides
3. an opening in the earth that throws out melted rock and gases
4. a raised part of the land, smaller than a mountain
5. an area of high, flat land
6. a high, steep wall of rock
7. a low bowl-shaped area in the land or water
8. the side of a mountain or hill

Down
1. a very dry region
2. a large, raised part of the land
3. the low land between mountains or hills
5. the pointed top of a mountain
6. a narrow valley with steep sides, formed by water
GEOGRAPHY WORDS
IT’S QUIZ TIME!

PART A: ANSWER TRUE OR FALSE.

1. _______________ A peninsula is a piece of land with water on three sides.

2. _______________ A gulf is a large area of ocean partly surrounded by land.

3. _______________ A swamp is very dry land.

4. _______________ A branch is the place where a river begins.

5. _______________ A waterway is a body of water used by ships.

6. _______________ A cliff is a low hill at the base of a mountain.

7. _______________ A canyon is a narrow valley with steep sides.

8. _______________ A plain is a large area of flat or rolling land.

9. _______________ A mountain is a large, high part of land with high sides.

10. _______________ A delta is the land formed at the mouth of an ocean.
GEOGRAPHY WORDS
IT’S QUIZ TIME!

PART B: CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER.

11. A raised part of land that is smaller than a mountain is a _______.
   a. mesa
   b. hill
   c. plateau
   d. cliff

12. An area of high, flat land is a _______.
   a. plateau
   b. plain
   c. slope
   d. foothill

13. A body of fresh or salt water surrounded by land is a _______.
   a. tributary
   b. lake
   c. swamp
   d. waterway

14. A flat-topped hill with steep sides is a ____.
   a. slope
   b. valley
   c. cliff
   d. mesa

15. The pointed top of a mountain is called a _______.
   a. foothill
   b. canyon
   c. peak
   d. basin

16. A stream or river that flows into a larger one is called a _______.
   a. delta
   b. swamp
   c. tributary
   d. lake
ANSWERS

PAGE 2:
1. a
2. h
3. d
4. c
5. g
6. e
7. f
8. b

PAGE 3:
1. c
2. d
3. a
4. d
5. b

PAGE 6:
1. b
2. d
3. c
4. a
5. a

PAGE 8:
1. volcano
2. valley
3. slope
4. basin
5. mountain
6. mesa
7. desert
8. cliff
9. foothill
10. peak
11. canyon
12. hill
13. plain
14. plateau
Page 9:
Across: 2. MESA
  3. VOLCANO
  4. HILL
  5. PLATEAU
  6. CLIFF
  7. BASIN
  8. SLOPE

Down: 1. DESERT
  2. MOUNTAIN
  3. VALLEY
  5. PEAK
  6. CANYON

Page 10: 1. True
  2. True
  3. False
  4. False
  5. True
  6. False
  7. True
  8. True
  9. True
  10. False

Page 11: 11. b
  12. a
  13. b
  14. d
  15. c
  16. c