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Landforms



Landforms

Simply put, a landform is any shape of the earth. The shape may be above water, at the water line, or underwater.

The science of geography has a branch called physical geography that studies where these landforms are and how they affect the people and animals around them.

A part of physical geography is devoted to studying the landforms themselves. This area of study finds out how the landforms were made and how they change. It is called geomorphology. It looks like a large word but it just means “study of changing land.”

Landforms change in three different ways. Weathering is the effect of the wind and water on solid areas like mountains and plains. Erosion is the movement of weathered material. Erosion can be caused by nature or humans.



Deposition is about where all the material ends up. The word deposition is another way of saying deposited.

Read each sentence below. Fill in the missing words.

1. A _____ is any shape of the earth.
2. Landforms change in _____ different ways.
3. _____ is the movement of weathered material.
4. The word deposition is another way of saying _____.



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Some names for flat land areas are plains, savannahs, and tundras. These places are all almost flat areas that may go on for miles. The difference between them is the temperature around them.

Savannahs are usually found in hot areas not too far from deserts. Tundras are found in areas where the weather is cold almost all year long. Plains are found in areas where the weather goes through changes for four seasons.

Savannahs, plains, and tundras usually are covered with grass or short plants. They are very open to the wind and rains. They are very popular areas for large herds of grazing animals.



A plateau is a flat place on top of a high place. Plateaus are usually found on top of hills and small mountains. They have been formed by the weather or shifting earth breaking of pieces from the top of the mountain. Plateaus usually do not have much plant life on them.

Find out about landforms that are near you. Write about one or two of them.

Handwriting practice area with six horizontal lines for writing.

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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

landform
earth

valley
wind

glacier
forces

mountain
plain

