**Landforms and Waterforms List and Definitions**

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| bay | An area of an ocean, sea or lake that extends into the land.  It’s usually smaller than a gulf. |
| canyon | A deep, narrow valley with steep sides and often with a river or stream on its floor. |
| cave  | A cave or cavern is a natural void in the ground, specifically large enough for a human to enter. |
| cliff | A cliff is a mass of rock that rises very high and is almost vertical, or straight up-and-down.  |
| delta | A small island of sediment that divide a river into smaller parts at its mouth. |
| desert | A dry and often hot area that receives very little precipitation.  |
| floodplain | A generally flat area of land next to a river or stream. |
| glacier | A large mass of slowly moving ice.  |
| gulf | Large part of an ocean that extends into the land.  It’s usually larger than a bay. |
| hill | Land that rises to a summit of no more than1,000 feet.  |
| island | Land surrounded by water.  |
| lake  | A lake is a body of water that is surrounded by land.  |
| mesa  | A mesa is a flat-topped mountain or hill. It is a wide, flat, elevated landform with steep sides.  |
| mountain | A land mass that rises higher than its surrounding area. Higher than a hill.  |
| ocean | Oceans are areas of salty water that fill enormous basins on the Earth's surface. |
| peninsula | A portion of land nearly surrounded by water.  |
| plateau | Land raised higher than surrounding land with a flat surface.  |
| prairie | Flat or rolling grasslands with few trees but covered with grasses. |
| river  | A **river** is a large, natural stream of flowing water. |
| savanna | Dry area of flat or rolling grassland with few trees.  Located in tropical or subtropical areas. |
| strait | Narrow body of water connecting two larger bodies of water. |
| swamp | Wetland partially or occasionally covered in water. |
| tributary | Stream or river that flows into a large stream of water. |
| volcano | Cone-shaped Mountain formed by eruptions from the interior of the Earth  |
| tundra | Treeless plain in the arctic or sub-artic regions with black mucky soil and permanently frozen subsoil  |
| valley | Area located between ranges of hills or mountains.  |
| waterfall  | A waterfall is a place where water flows over the edge of a steep, high cliff in hills or mountains, and falls into a pool below. |