

Unit 17: Geography

Match the words in column A with the definitions in column B.

A	B
(1) peninsula	(a) an area with a lot of towns/cities close together
(2) conurbation	(b) the wide part of a river where it flows into the sea
(3) estuary/mouth	(c) the top of a mountain
(4) peak/summit	(d) a thin strip of land surrounded on three sides by water

A	B
(1) iceberg	(a) an gigantic piece of ice floating in the ocean or sea
(2) canyon	(b) a natural or artificial lake that supplies water for domestic consumption or use in industry
(3) glacier	(c) a large, slowly moving river of ice
(4) reservoir	(d) a deep valley made of rock that was carved out by a river over a long period of time

A	B
(1) boulder	(a) how high something is above sea-level
(2) altitude	(b) the area around the South Pole
(3) Arctic	(c) the area around the North Pole
(4) Antarctic	(d) an extremely large rock

A	B
(1) cartographer	(a) one of the two halves of the earth divided by the equator (northern and southern)
(2) continent (n.)	(b) how far a place is north or south of the equator, measured in degrees
(3) hemisphere	(c) one of the main land masses on the earth, for example Asia, Europe and Africa
(4) latitude	(d) a person who makes maps
A	B
(1) longitude	(a) how far a place is east or west of Greenwich, London, U.K., measured in degrees.
(2) mountain range	(b) an area with lots of small, rounded mountains
(3) hilly	(c) a line of mountains that are more or less connected
(4) rugged	(d) ground having an uneven and rocky terrain
A	B
(1) mound (n.)	(a) a hill with a flat, vertical surface, usually located near the edge of the sea
(2) cliff	(b) a narrow, steep-sided valley
(3) gorge (n.)	(c) a very small river
(4) brook	(d) a small hill

Complete the sentences below with a word from this unit. You may have to change the form of the word so that it fits into the sentence grammatically.

1. The UK is in the northern _____, whereas Australia is in the southern _____.
2. The Andes in South America is the longest _____ in the world.

3. London is situated at approximately 51 degrees _____ north and zero degrees _____.
4. Most penguins can be found in the _____, although they can be found elsewhere in the southern hemisphere, namely in Australia and off the coasts of South America and South Africa.
5. Although England doesn't really have any large mountains, some areas are quite _____.
6. If you climb a mountain too quickly you can get _____ sickness.
7. The Titanic sank during its maiden voyage to New York because it hit an _____ floating in the Atlantic Ocean.
8. Asia is the largest of the seven _____.
9. A large number of people die trying to climb to the _____ of Mt. Everest.
10. A _____ stores water and supplies it to people's homes and local industries.
11. There are many small fish in the _____ near the school.
12. One of the largest _____ in China is the area between Guangzhou and Hong Kong. Millions of people live there.