

Vocabulary The Natural world

• Match the words to the definitions.

Uni

riverbed

lush

mountain

dry

barren

wasteland

desert

sandy

rugged

a. *adj.* having lots of trees, plants, and grass

b. *adj.* dry land where plants cannot grow

c. *adj.* having a rocky, irregular surface

d. *adj.* with little or no rainfall or humidity

e. *adj.* full of or covered with sand

f. *n.* the ground at the bottom of a river

g. *n.* a large area of land with few plants and little water where the weather is always dry

h. *n.* a large natural elevation of the earth's surface which rises higher than the surrounding land

i. *n.* an unused area of land where nothing can grow or be built

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

a. The soil near rivers is usually very , which is why many civilizations have flourished there.

b. Wildfires can destroy acres of , especially during the dry season.

c. It is usually humid and difficult to travel through a , as the vegetation there is very dense.

d. land is dry and plants cannot grow there.

e. The surface of Mars is described as a , with features similar to those on Earth.

f. They built a castle on a which allowed them to see if enemies were going to attack.

g. It is the biggest in the country and you can enjoy waterskiing, sailing, or fishing on the .

h. It doesn't rain during the season.

1 Match the columns to make word pairs from the article.

a. sandy ___ riverbeds

b. dry ___ wasteland

c. rugged ___ deserts

d. barren ___ vegetation

e. lush ___ mountains

2 Underline the unrelated word in each group. Use your dictionary as needed.

a. flowers vegetation grass dry

b. woods plateau forest jungle

c. mountain lake river sea

d. barren rugged fertile desert