

Geography

Class III

Landforms

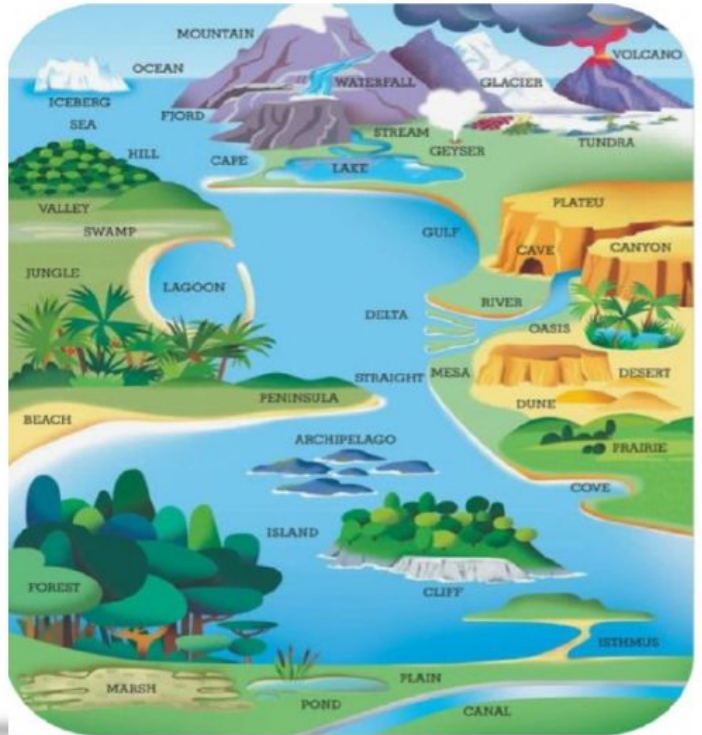
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## Landforms

There are many different types of landforms.

Landforms are natural features on the planet's surface.

**Mountains** are very tall landforms. They can be pointed or rounded, and some are even volcanic! When there are many mountains together, it is called a **mountain range**.



Top of a mountain is called its **peak or summit**. **Mount Everest** is the highest mountain in the world.

**Valleys** are the spaces between mountains.

Some valleys are V-shaped, and some are U-shaped. Many people live in valleys, because they have a comfortable temperature, are protected, and may have rivers flowing through them.



**Plains** are large, flat areas of land. Since flat land is easy to build on, many cities are on plains. Many plants can grow on plains. Plains that are by rivers are called river plains, and are especially good for growing crops.



**Deserts** are another type of landform. They are large areas of land that do not receive a lot of rainfall. They can be very hot during the day, and very cold at night. People do not like to live in deserts as they are not comfortable areas for living.



**Islands** are areas of land surrounded by water on all sides. They can be formed by underwater volcanoes. The lava builds up over time and eventually breaks the surface of the ocean.



**Questions:**

1. Which landform does not receive a lot of rainfall?

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2. What is the top of a mountain called?

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3. Why do people prefer to live in valleys?

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4. Can you think of the reasons why people do not like to live in deserts?

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5. What is a group of mountains called?

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