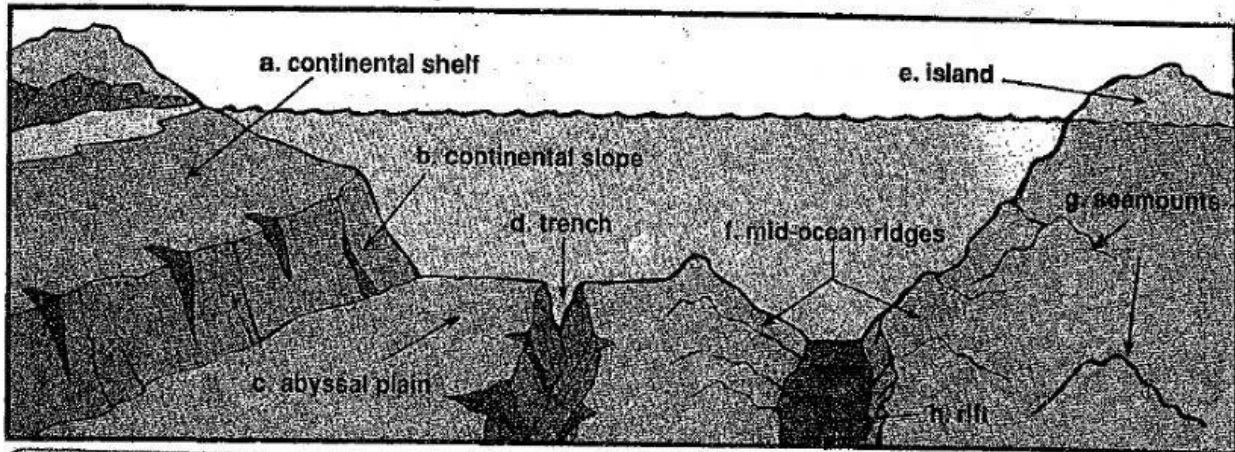


Features of the Ocean Floor

Name _____

Directions: Each flipper describes an ocean-floor feature. Use the diagram to help you decide which feature is being described. Then write its corresponding letter on the flipper.



1. _____ a chain of mountains that runs through the three major oceans (most stand about 5,000 feet above the seafloor)

5. _____ a steep-sided valley at the center of a mid-ocean ridge

2. _____ a submerged area that rims the land, beginning at the shoreline and gently sloping underwater to an average depth of about 430 feet

6. _____ a long, narrow, steep-sided valley that forms the deepest parts of the ocean

3. _____ a mountain that breaks through the surface of the water

7. _____ a steep drop-off from the continental shelf that plunges to depths of 2 1/4 miles

4. _____ a flat area of the ocean floor, covered with sand, mud, and plant and animal remains

8. _____ underwater mountains formed by erupting volcanoes

