

## Geographic Terms

### *Land masses going up*

Hill--a rounded, elevated area of land smaller than a mountain.

Mountain--an area of rugged land that generally rises higher than 2,000 feet.

Mountain range--a large group of mountains.

### *Land masses going down*

Valley--an area of low land between hills or mountains.

Canyon--a deep, narrow valley with steep walls.

Basin--low land surrounded by mountains or other higher land.

### *Levels (Altitudes) of Land*

Plain--a nearly flat area of land.

Plateau--a large, flat, elevated area of land.

### *Stream/River Words*

Source--the point of origin of a stream of water.

Tributary--any smaller stream or river that flows into a larger stream or river.

River--a natural flow of water that runs through the land.

Delta--an area where a river deposits soil into the ocean.

Mouth--the place where a stream or river enters a large body of water.

### *Different sizes of salt water from smallest to largest*

Bay--a part of a large body of water that is smaller than a gulf.

Gulf--a large part of the ocean that extends into land

Ocean--a large body of water.

### *Things in the desert*

Desert--an extremely dry area with little water and few plants.

Oasis--an area in the desert with a water source

Dune--a hill of sand shaped by wind.

### *Island Words*

Island--an area of land surrounded entirely by water.

Archipelago--a large group of islands.

### *Water that goes in (between) land areas*

Fjord--narrow, deep inlets of the sea set between high, rocky cliffs.

Strait--a narrow passageway that connects two large bodies of water.

### *Ungrouped Words*

Isthmus--a narrow piece of land connecting two larger land areas.

Peninsula--an area of land that sticks out into a lake or ocean.

Reef--an ocean ridge made up of skeletal remains of tiny sea animals.

Lake--an inland body of water.

Glacier--a large area of slow moving ice.

Waterfall--a very steep descent of the water of a stream or river.

Beach--a shore of a body of water covered by sand, gravel or larger rock fragments.

Volcano--an opening in the Earth's crust where lava, ash, and gases erupt.

Peak--the top of a hill or mountain.