

Chapter 1 Vocabulary Words

Landform	A natural feature of Earth's surface.
Mesa	A flat-topped landform with slopes on all sides.
Plateau	A large, flat, raised area of land.
Canyon	A valley with steep rock sides.
Flood Plain	A plain that is formed by flooding along a river.
Region	An area defined by its common features.
Desert	An area that receives less than ten inches of rain in one year.
Boundary	A line that divides one area or state from another.
Weather	The condition of the air at a certain place and time.
Climate	The pattern of weather an area has over a long period of time.
Temperature	A measurement telling how hot or cold something is.
Precipitation	The amount of moisture that falls as rain or snow.
Humidity	The amount of moisture in the air.

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Natural Resource	Something in the environment that people use.
Economy	The way a places uses its resources to produce goods and services.
Product	Something that people make or grow.
Capital Resource	The human-made things, such as tractors, that people use to grow or make things.
Human Resource	The people who work for a business.
Nonrenewable	Something that cannot be replaced or would take a long time to form again.
Conserve	To limit the use of something.
Renewable	Something that can be replaced.
Adapt	To change to fit a new set of conditions.
Technology	The use of scientific knowledge or tools to do work.
Irrigation	The practice of bringing water to fields, usually by means of ditches and channels.
Aquifer	An underground layer of porous rock that contains water.