
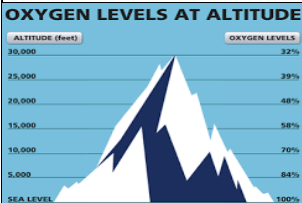















Mountains Vocabulary Guide

	Word	Definition
	Alps	The largest mountain range in Europe.
	altitude	The height measured above sea level.
	Andes	The longest mountain range in the world.
	ascent	The act of going up a mountain.
	avalanche	A large mass of snow and ice which detaches itself from the mountain slope and heads downhill in a sudden movement.
	base	The lower part or bottom part of a mountain.
	Ben Nevis	The tallest mountain in the UK.

	<p>dome mountains</p>	<p>Mountains formed where a region of flat-lying sedimentary rocks is bent upward making a structural dome.</p>
	<p>erosion</p>	<p>The process by which soil and rock is removed from one area of the Earth through natural causes such as wind, water, and ice and transported elsewhere is called erosion.</p>
	<p>fold mountains</p>	<p>Mountains that form mainly by the effects of layers of the earth's crust folding on top of each other as they are pushed together.</p>
	<p>glaciers</p>	<p>A slow moving mass of ice.</p>
	<p>gorge</p>	<p>A narrow valley between hills or mountains, typically with steep rocky walls and a stream running through it.</p>
	<p>Himalayas</p>	<p>The highest mountain range in the world, formed as India's tectonic plate collides with the Eurasian tectonic plate.</p>
	<p>landscape</p>	<p>All the visible features of an area of land</p>
	<p>Mount Everest</p>	<p>The tallest mountain in the world</p>



mountain

A mountain is a landform that rises prominently above its surroundings



mountain range

A series of more or less connected mountains ranged in a line.



mountaineer

A mountaineer is a climber of mountains



peak

A peak is the pointed top of a mountain or ridge.



plateau

A plateau is land area having a relatively flat surface



Rockies

The Rockies are the chief mountain system in North America which extends from central Mexico to North Alaska.



sherpa

Sherpas are people from Tibet living in the Nepalese Himalayas, who often serve as porters on mountain-climbing expeditions.



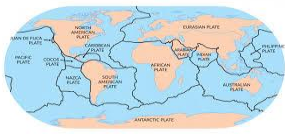




slope

A slope is ground that has a natural incline as the side of a hill.



summit

The summit is the highest part of a hill.

	<p>tectonic plates</p>	<p>Tectonic plates are the dozen or so plates that make up the surface of the Earth.</p>
	<p>tree line</p>	<p>A tree line is the altitude above sea level at which trees cease to grow.</p>
	<p>u-shaped valley</p>	<p>A steep sided valley caused by glacial erosion.</p>
	<p>valley</p>	<p>A valley is the dip between hills or mountains, often formed by a stream.</p>
	<p>volcano</p>	<p>A volcano is a mountain or hill with a vent at the top through which molten rock has erupted.</p>