Physical Geography Vocabulary
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Directions: Cut out these physical geography words and put them under the right label. For example, the word “hill” is a landform. Put in under the label Landforms.

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Directions: Write four sentences using some of the following prepositions. Underline any landforms or bodies of water and any prepositions. For example: I walk along the beach in the mornings.

above          | over     | toward |
through        | up       | past   |
behind         | beyond   | upon   |
outside        | below    | along  |
beside         | around   | at     |
inside         | near     | beneath|
across         | under    | in     |
before         | by       | of     |
among          | underneath| on    |

Directions: Draw picture illustrating your 4 sentences.
VOCABULARY REVIEW

1. isthmus — a narrow piece of land that connects two larger pieces of land
2. plateau — a flat elevated landform
3. mountain — a high, rounded or pointed elevated landform
4. foothills — small hills at the foot of mountains
5. valley — low elevated land between mountains
6. oasis — a fertile desert water hole
7. dune — sand drifts
8. canyon — deep narrow valley with high cliffs
9. tributary — smaller stream that flows into a bigger stream
10. waterfall — water flowing over a cliff
11. peak — pointed mountain top
12. beach — sandy shore
13. river — a large natural stream of water emptying into a larger body
14. harbor — a protected area where ships can dock
15. reef — a rock or coral ridge at or near sea level
16. cape — a piece of land extending into a lake or sea
17. desert — a region that receives less than 10" of rain per year
18. sea — part of an ocean located close to land
19. ocean — large body of saltwater
20. hill — small, rounded elevated landform lower than a mountain
21. lagoon — enclosed shallow body of water
22. volcano — opening (usually a hill or mountain) in the earth’s crust where gases, and molten (melted) rock pour out
23. lake — a body of fresh water surrounded by land
24. timberline — top area of a mountain where trees do not grow
25. cliff — a high, steep face of the mountain, or land
VOCABULARY TEST

1. Water flowing over a cliff refers to a/an
   A. oasis   B. waterfall   C. hill   D. cliff

2. Which word describes the low land between two mountains
   A. valley   B. canyon   C. lagoon   D. foothills

3. A piece of land extending into a lake or sea is a
   A. port   B. cape   C. harbor   D. lagoon

4. The smaller stream that flows into a bigger stream is called a/an
   A. canal   B. harbor   C. tributary   D. cape

5. Which word describes a body of water surrounded by land
   A. lagoon   B. sea   C. waterfall   D. lake

6. You could use the word______ to describe a rock or coral ridge at or near sea level
   A. mountain   B. dune   C. beach   D. reef

7. A flat elevated landform refers to a/an
   A. plateau   B. oasis   D. peak   D. volcano

8. An area that receives less than 10" of rain per year is called a
   A. reef   B. beach   C. dune   D. desert

9. A narrow deep valley with high cliffs refers to a/an
   A. desert   B. canyon   C. oasis   D. plateau

10. A______ refers to the top area of a mountain where trees do not grow
    A. plateau   B. timberline   C. peak   D. reef

11. A word for a sandy shore is
    A. lake   B. lagoon   C. desert   D. beach

12. A word for a small, rounded, elevated landform lower than a mountain is
    A. mountain   B. dune   C. hill   D. cape

13. A fertile desert water hole refers to a
    A. canal   B. oasis   C. lagoon   D. port

More….
14. The best word to describe a high, steep face of the mountain or land is a
   A. timberline  B. cliff  C. hill  D. volcano

15. The best word to describe an opening in the earth’s crust where gases and molten materials can pour out is a
   A. port  B. waterfall  C. peak  D. volcano

16. A large natural stream of water emptying into a larger body is best described as a
   A. canal  B. waterfall  C. river  D. sea

17. An/A ___________ is a narrow piece of land that connects two larger pieces of land.
   A. valley  B. oasis  C. isthmus  D. port

18. Which word best describes a high, rounded or pointed elevated landform
   A. peak  B. mountain  C. cliff  D. ocean

19. A word for a small hill at the foot of a mountain is
   A. volcano  B. hill  C. dune  D. foothill

20. A part of an ocean located close to land refers to a
   A. sea  B. ocean  C. river  D. lagoon

21. Enclosed shallow body of water best describes a/an
   A. lagoon  B. oasis  C. harbor  D. lake

22. Which word best describes a pointed mountain top
   A. cliff  B. timberline  C. volcano  D. peak

23. Another word for sand drift is
   A. foothills  B. beach  C. desert  D. dune

24. A large body of saltwater is best described as a/an
   A. ocean  B. sea  C. lagoon  D. waterfall

25. A protected area where ships can dock is a
   A. cape  B. harbor  C. canyon  D. lagoon
VOCABULARY TEST Answer Key

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2. A
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. D
7. A
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25. B