

Physical Geography Vocabulary

Directions: Cut out these two labels and place them on your tabletop.

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| Bodies of Water | Landforms |
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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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| isthmus | oasis | peak | cape | lagoon |
| plateau | dune | beach | desert | volcano |
| foothills | canyon | river | sea | lake |
| valley | waterfall | reef | hill | cliff |
| mountain | tributary | waterfall | harbor | ocean |
| timberline | | | | |

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

Name _____

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

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- ___ 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**

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. D
7. A
8. D
9. B
10. B
11. D
12. C
13. B
14. B
15. D
16. C
17. C
18. B
19. D
20. A
21. A
22. D
23. D
24. A
25. B