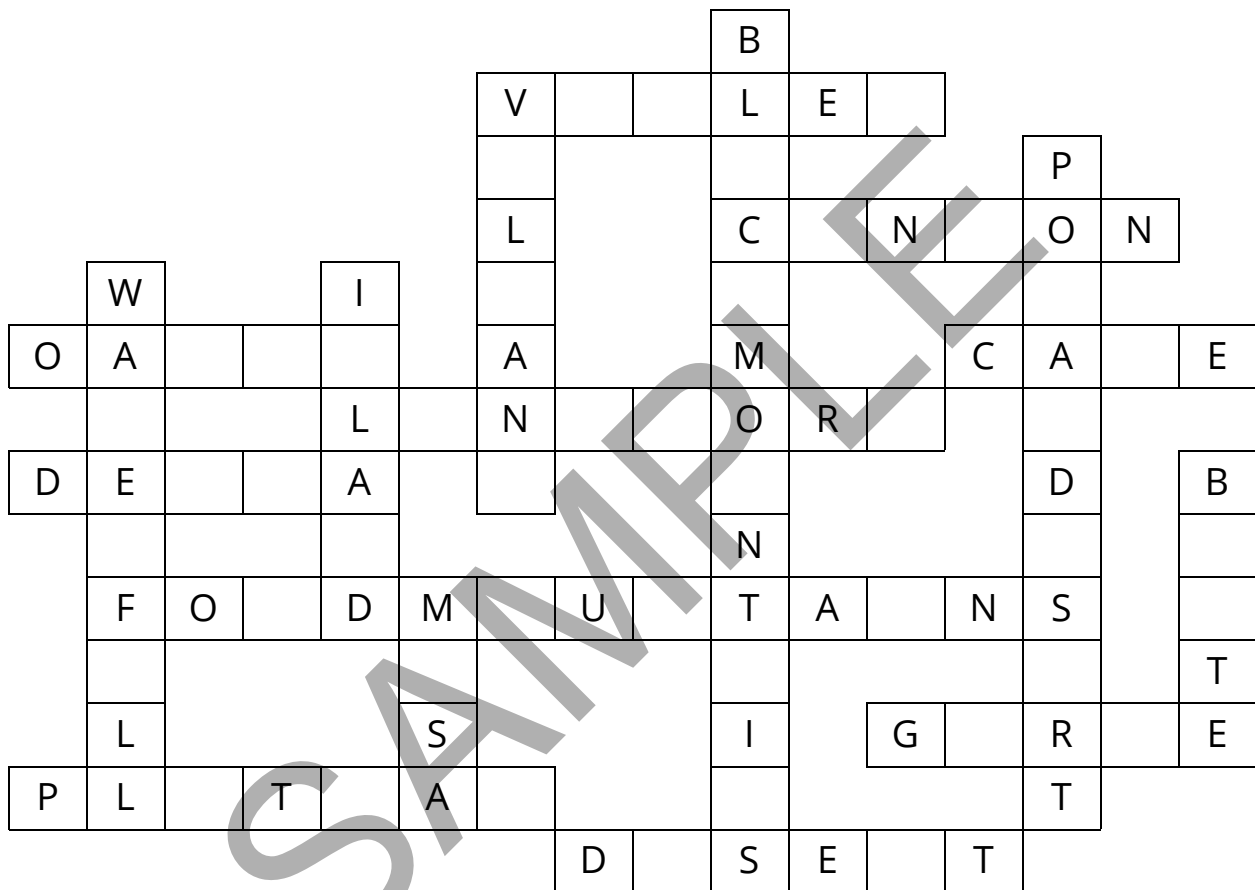


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Terms to Be Familiar With

At the bottom of the page is a word bank of terms you will see and hear often as you study landforms. Fill in the letters where necessary to complete the puzzle about landforms.



block mountains	fold mountains	plateau
butte	gorge	polar desert
canyon	island	valley
cape	landform	volcano
delta	mesa	waterfall
desert	oasis	

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Match the Terms and Definitions

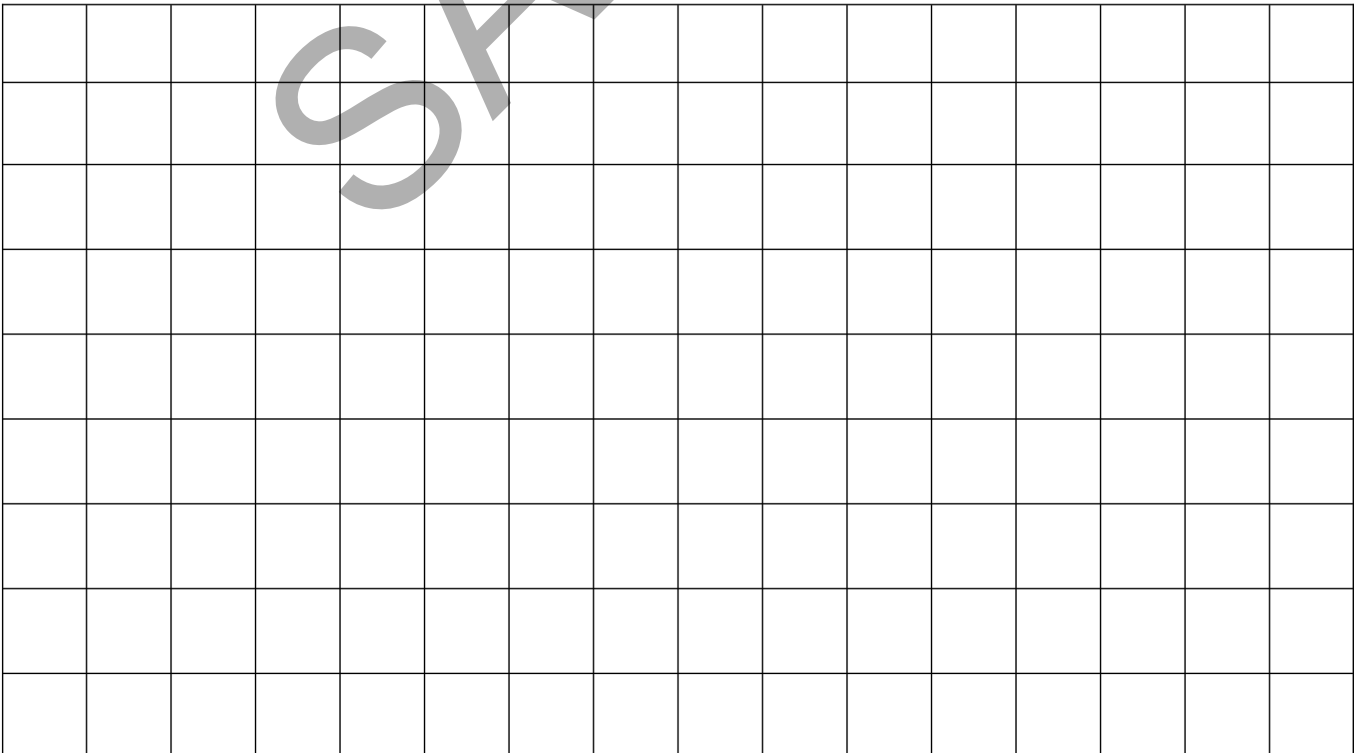
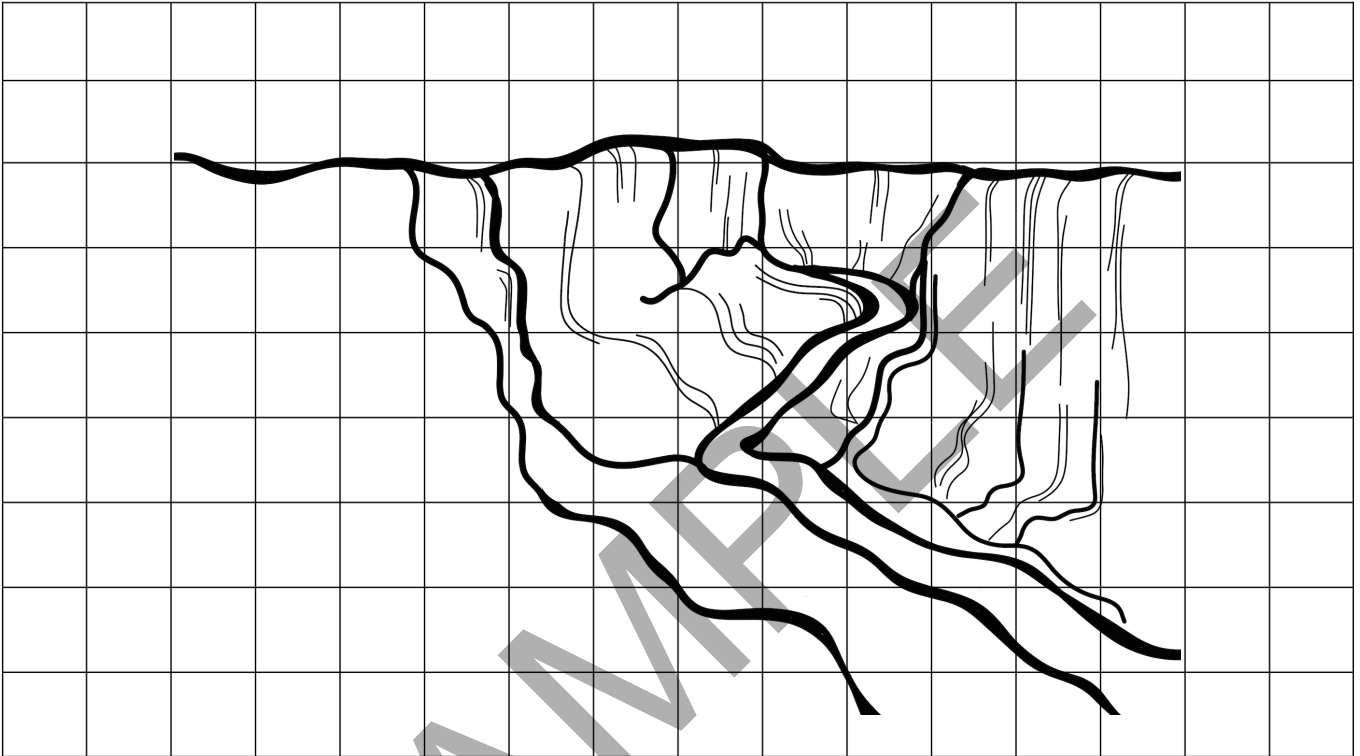
Match each term to its definition.

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|--------------|---|
| ___landform | a. any piece of land smaller than a continent that is surrounded by water |
| ___plateau | b. a place in a desert where water comes up from underground |
| ___desert | c. point of land that sticks out into a body of water |
| ___volcano | d. means "high plain"; a flat area that sits above the area around it on at least one side and rises very sharply up to the flat area |
| ___oasis | e. a natural dip in the Earth's surface; often passes between hills or mountains |
| ___canyon | f. anything distinctive about the surface of a planet, moon, or asteroid that happens naturally |
| ___waterfall | g. an opening in the earth's crust at the top of, or sometimes on the sides of, a mountain or hill; known for their eruptions |
| ___island | h. barren place that receives an extremely small amount of rainfall each year |
| ___cape | i. deep valley with steep sides |
| ___valley | j. a flow of water from a steep, high place |

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Draw a Gorge

Using the top grid as a pattern, draw a picture of a gorge in the grid at the bottom of the page.



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Decoding Landforms

Decode the names of landforms and terms relating to them that you will hear about in your studies. Follow the directions for finding each letter. For example, if the directions say Across 4, Down 3, (A4-D3), follow the Down row 3 over to Across column 4 and find the letter e. In the instructions, we will use A for Across and D for Down.

		Across				
		1	2	3	4	5
D o w n	1	j	d	i	w	x
	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	q	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

1. _____
A5-D3 A3-D3 A1-D2 A3-D2 A1-D4 A2-D5 A3-D1 A3-D2

2. _____
A2-D2 A2-D5 A1-D3 A4-D3

3. _____
A1-D4 A4-D3 A4-D4 A1-D4 A3-D3 A3-D2 A3-D1 A4-D4

4. _____
A4-D5 A1-D2 A1-D4 A1-D4 A4-D3

5. _____
A2-D2 A3-D1 A5-D3 A4-D3 A5-D5 A1-D4 A3-D3 A3-D2 A4-D3