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Geography Terms List

List A

archipelago—a group of many islands

bay—part of an ocean or lake extending into the land and usually smaller than a gulf

cape—a point of land extending into a body of water

delta—a triangular deposit of sand and soil that collects at the mouth of some rivers

gulf—part of an ocean extending into land and usually larger than a bay

harbor—a sheltered area of water where ships can anchor safely

isthmus—a narrow strip of land with water on both sides, connecting two larger area of land

oasis—a fertile place in the desert where there is water and some vegetation

strait—a narrow waterway connecting two large bodies of water

tributary—a stream or river that flows into a larger stream or river

List B

canal—a waterway dug across land through which ships can pass through

channel—a narrow, deep waterway connecting two bodies of water; the deepest part of a river or waterway

desert—a dry, barren region that may be sandy and without trees

glacier—a huge mass of ice that moves slowly down a mountain

island—an area of land completely surrounded by water

lake—a large body of water surrounded by land

mountain—a land form with high elevation and a pointed or rounded top higher than a hill

mountain range—a row of connected mountains

mouth (of a river)—the part of a river where its waters flow into another body of water

peninsula—land surrounded by water on all sides but one

plain—a broad and flat or gently rolling area usually low in elevation

river—a large stream of water that flows into a lake, ocean, or other body of water

swamp—low, wet land that supports grass and trees

valley—low land between hills or mountains

volcano—an opening in the earth's surface through which steam, ashes, and lava are forced out