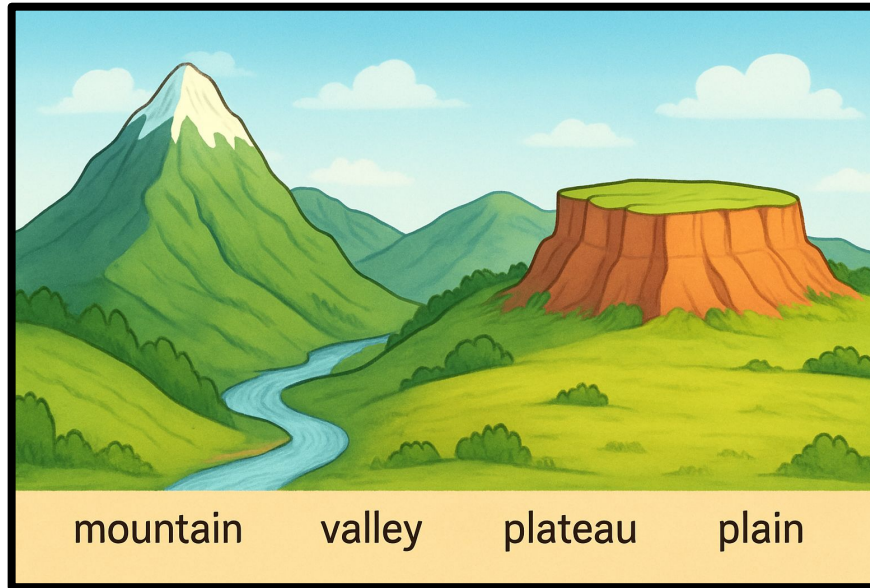


# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Clarify Word Meanings

Read the short story and answer each question.



## What Are Landforms?

Landforms are shapes we see on Earth's surface. Some landforms are tall, and others are flat or low.

Mountains are tall landforms. They rise high into the sky. Valleys are low areas between mountains. They are often filled with grass or rivers.

A plateau is a landform that is flat on top but stands high above the land around it. Some people call it a "high table."

Plains are large, flat areas of land. They are good places for farms and towns.

Each landform has a special shape. These shapes tell us how the land was made and where people can live and work.



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## What Are Landforms?

1. What does the word "landform" mean in this passage?

- A. A type of machine
- B. A kind of weather
- C. A shape on Earth's surface
- D. A kind of building

2. What does the word "plateau" mean in the sentence: "A plateau is a landform that is flat on top but stands high above the land around it"?

- A. A tall mountain
- B. A flat, high landform
- C. A deep valley
- D. A rocky beach

3. Fill in the blank:

A landform that is flat and good for farms is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

4. What clues helped you understand the word **plateau** in the passage?

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5. Why is it helpful to know what landforms are when learning about Earth?

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** H

**Lexile Level:** 200L-350L

**Grade Level:** 1st Grade, Middle of the Year

**Genre:** Informational Text (Earth Science)

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## Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read a nonfiction passage about landforms—like mountains, valleys, and plains. As we read, we'll practice figuring out what science words mean by using context clues and text examples."

**Vocabulary:** landform, mountain, valley, plateau, plains

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What kinds of land shapes have you seen before (hills, mountains, etc.)?
  2. Have you ever visited a tall mountain or a flat plain?
  3. What can we do when we don't know what a word means?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is a landform?
  2. What does the text say about valleys and mountains?
  3. What helps you understand what a plateau looks like?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How did the text help you learn the word **plateau**?
  2. What are two landforms and how do their names match their shapes?
  3. Why is it important to understand landform words?
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## Activity Idea

Give students four landform pictures (mountain, valley, plateau, plain). Have them match each to a short definition from the passage and highlight the context clues that helped. Then, they use the word "landform" in a sentence of their own.

