

Earth's Landforms

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The Earth's surface has recognizable shapes: mountain ranges, plateaus, plains, valleys, basins, and deltas. Streams and rivers are rainfall draining off the land. Water can only run downhill, so a river sits where the low line is.

A river's size depends on two things: how much rain falls, and how much land drains into it. All the land draining into a river is its watershed. Neighboring watersheds are separated by higher ground called a divide.

Most rivers eventually reach an ocean or a salt lake, and nearly every piece of land drains into some watershed.

Activity 1: Word Sort Challenge

Sort the words in the box. Write each word under the right heading.

WORD BANK

drains flows river salt valley downhill neighboring delta higher eventually
reach slowly

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives	Adverbs

Activity 2: Fix the Run-On

Each of these is really two sentences squished together. Rewrite it the right way.

1. A river sits in the lowest land water can only run downhill.

Correction:

2. Neighboring watersheds are separated by a divide a divide is higher ground.

Correction:

Activity 3: Four Kinds of Sentences

Write four different kinds of sentences. Use the word in bold in each one.

(watershed) Statement:

(delta) Question:

(plateau) Exclamation:

(river) Command:
