

L48 — Earth's Landforms

Read Aloud Passage

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. Adjacent watersheds are always separated by higher ground called a divide.

Every river eventually reaches an ocean or a salt sea, and every piece of land on Earth belongs to some river's watershed.

Activity 1

One statement below does NOT belong with the others about Earth's landforms. Circle it and explain why it does not belong.

- A.** The Earth's surface has recognizable shapes: mountain ranges, plateaus, plains, valleys, basins, and deltas.
- B.** Streams and rivers are rainfall draining off the land.
- C.** A river's size depends on two things: how much rain falls, and how much land drains into it.
- D.** Identical particles of a substance pack together in one repeating, stable pattern.

Why does it not belong?

Activity 2

Because / But / So — complete each sentence three different ways.

The Earth's surface has recognizable shapes: mountain ranges, plateaus, plains, valleys, basins, and deltas because

The Earth's surface has recognizable shapes: mountain ranges, plateaus, plains, valleys, basins, and deltas but

The Earth's surface has recognizable shapes: mountain ranges, plateaus, plains, valleys, basins, and deltas so

Activity 3

Start with the kernel sentence. Use the prompts to expand it into a more detailed sentence.

Kernel sentence: Streams and rivers are rainfall draining off the land.

How?

Why?

Write your expanded sentence:

Activity 4

Write one of each type of sentence about Earth's landforms.

Statement (Declarative):

Question (Interrogative):

Exclamation (Exclamatory):

Command (Imperative):

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