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# Hills, Mountains, and Valleys

Circle group

The land has many shapes. We call them landforms.

A hill is round land that is higher than the ground near it. You can walk up a hill.

A mountain is much taller than a hill. It has steep sides. The top is called a peak. High on a mountain, it is cold. There can be snow.

A valley is low land between hills or mountains. A river often flows in it.

Each landform is different. They make the land look wonderful.

## Questions

**1. What are the shapes of the land called?**

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**2. What is a hill?**

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**3. What is the top of a mountain called?**

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**4. Where is a valley?**

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**5. Why is a mountain harder to climb than a hill?**

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## Words to know

landform: a shape of the land, such as a hill or valley
steep: going up or down very sharply
peak: the pointed top of a mountain
valley: low land between hills or mountains

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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# Hills, Mountains, and Valleys

Triangle group

The land has many shapes. We call these shapes landforms.

A hill is a round piece of land that is higher than the ground around it. You can walk up a hill without much trouble.

A mountain is much taller than a hill. It has steep sides, and its top is called a peak. High on a mountain, the air is cold, and there can be snow.

A valley is low land between hills or mountains. Often a river flows through it.

Each landform is different. Together they make the land look wonderful.

## Questions

**1. What do we call the shapes of the land?**

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**2. What is a hill?**

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**3. What is the top of a mountain called?**

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**4. Where is a valley found?**

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**5. Why might a mountain be harder to climb than a hill?**

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## Words to know

landform: a shape of the land, such as a hill or valley
steep: going up or down very sharply
peak: the pointed top of a mountain

valley: low land between hills or mountains

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
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# Hills, Mountains, and Valleys

Square group

The surface of the land comes in many different shapes. These shapes are known as landforms.

A hill is a rounded piece of land that rises higher than the ground around it. Most people can walk up a hill without much trouble.

A mountain is far taller than a hill. Its sides are steep, and its highest point is called a peak. Up high on a mountain the air is cold, and snow can often be found there.

A valley is low land that lies between hills or mountains. A river frequently flows through a valley.

Every landform is different, and together they make the land look wonderful.

## Questions

**1. What are the different shapes of the land known as?**

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**2. What is a hill?**

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**3. What is the highest point of a mountain called?**

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**4. Where does a valley lie?**

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**5. Why would a mountain be harder to climb than a hill?**

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## Words to know

landform: a shape of the land, such as a hill or valley
steep: going up or down very sharply
peak: the pointed top of a mountain
valley: low land between hills or mountains

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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# For the teacher: Hills, Mountains, and Valleys

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

### Circle: Hills, Mountains, and Valleys

Easier · 82 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Landforms.
2. Round land higher than the ground near it.
3. A peak.
4. Between hills or mountains.
5. A mountain is taller and has steep sides.

### Triangle: Hills, Mountains, and Valleys

This passage · 93 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. Landforms.
2. A round piece of land higher than the ground around it.
3. A peak.
4. Between hills or mountains.
5. A mountain is taller and has steep sides.

### Square: Hills, Mountains, and Valleys

Harder · 108 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.1

1. Landforms.
2. A rounded piece of land that rises higher than the ground around it.
3. A peak.
4. Between hills or mountains.
5. A mountain is far taller and its sides are steep.