

Vocabulary List for Thirst For Knowledge Lessons

Bodies of water: places where water collects and flows.

Example: Rivers, lakes, oceans and reservoirs are bodies of water.

Elevation: How far something is off the ground; how high or low something is

Example: The elevation of Mount Tom is 4,000 ft. It's pretty tall.

Hill: a small raised area of land

Example: The hill behind my house is great for sledding.

Island: land that is surrounded on all sides by water

Example: Nantucket is an island.

Key: part of a map that shows what pictures on a map stand for

Example: The key shows that the blue on the map stands for water.

Landforms: the natural shapes of the land

Example: Hills, mountains, and valleys are landforms.

Mountain: a large raised area of land

Example: There is a mountain between Holyoke and Easthampton (Mt. Tom).

Peninsula: a piece of land that is surrounded by water on three sides.

Example: Cape Cod is a peninsula.

Reservoir: a man-made body of water used to store water for people to drink.

Example: The Quabbin Reservoir was made to give Boston clean water to drink.

Valley: an area of low land between hills or mountains

Example: The Happy Valley is in between Mount Tom and Mount Zion.

Watershed: an area of land in which all the water, (rain water, ground water, reservoirs, rivers, lakes, etc.) drain into the same large body of water

Example: I live in the Connecticut watershed. The rain that falls on my roof eventually flows into the Connecticut River