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Chapter 1 & 2 Study Guide: Peninsulas, Plateaus, & A Wet Planet

Chapter 1

- continents: the seven large land masses of earth
- landforms: types of land
- plain: a large flat area
- mountain: a natural rise in the Earth's surface that is larger than a hill
- desert: a large, dry area that receives very little rainfall
- island: a piece of land surrounded by water
- basin: a dip in the earth's surface that is shaped like a bowl
- valley: the low area between two mountains or hills
- canyon: a low area between two much higher areas that is deeper and has steeper sides than a valley
- peninsula: an area almost completely surrounded by water
- isthmus: a narrow strip of land with water on both sides that connects two larger pieces of land (a "land bridge")
- delta: created where a river flows into a larger body of water, such as an ocean or a lake; very flat and muddy
- plateau: a large flat area with steep drops on both sides; has cliffs on both sides but is flat on top

Chapter 2

- ocean : huge bodies of salt water that separate land masses on earth. There are five: Arctic, Southern, Indian, Atlantic, Pacific
- gulf : a portion of the ocean that is partly enclosed by land
- bay : sort of like a gulf but smaller
- strait : a narrow passage of water that connects two larger bodies of water
- sea : all salt water on earth is considered to be this
- lake : a large body of water (usually fresh) surrounded by land
- river : a large body of water that flows from a high place to a low place.
- Creek : smaller bodies of water that flow downhill