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Geography Vocabulary List for Year 5

Word	Meaning
Mountains	
Mountain	A large natural elevation of the Earth's surface
Peak	The highest point of a mountain
Range	A group of mountains connected together
Summit	The top of a mountain
Valley	A low area between hills or mountains
Elevation	The height of land above sea level
Slope	The side of a mountain
Plateau	A flat elevated area
Erosion	The wearing away of rock or soil
Fold Mountain	A mountain formed by the bending of the Earth's crust
Volcanic Mountain	A mountain formed by volcanic activity
Glacier	A large mass of ice moving slowly over land
Cliff	A steep rock face
Ridge	A long, narrow hilltop
Alpine	Relating to high mountains
Volcanoes	
Volcano	A mountain that erupts with lava, ash, and gases
Lava	Molten rock that flows from a volcano
Magma	Molten rock beneath the Earth's surface
Eruption	The release of lava and gases from a volcano
Crater	A bowl-shaped opening at the top of a volcano
Ash Cloud	A cloud of ash released during a volcanic eruption
Dormant	A volcano that is not currently active but may erupt in the future
Active	A volcano that is currently erupting or may erupt soon
Extinct	A volcano that will no longer erupt
Tectonic Plates	Large sections of the Earth's crust that move

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Vent	An opening in the Earth's surface where magma escapes
Seismic Activity	Movement in the Earth's crust, often related to earthquakes
Pyroclastic Flow	A fast-moving current of hot gas and volcanic material
Geyser	A hot spring that shoots water into the air
Europe – The Mediterranean	
Mediterranean	The region surrounding the Mediterranean Sea
Climate	The typical weather conditions of an area
Coastline	The land along the edge of the sea
Peninsula	A piece of land surrounded by water on three sides
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water
Tourism	People traveling to visit places for enjoyment
Economy	The system of trade, industry, and money in an area
Agriculture	Farming crops and raising animals
Export	Sending goods to another country
Import	Bringing goods into a country
Population	The number of people living in a place
Trade Route	Paths used for the exchange of goods
Natural Resource	Materials found in nature used by humans
Culture	The customs, arts, and social practices of a group of people
Biodiversity	A wide variety of plant and animal life
Sustainable	Using resources in a way that does not harm the environment