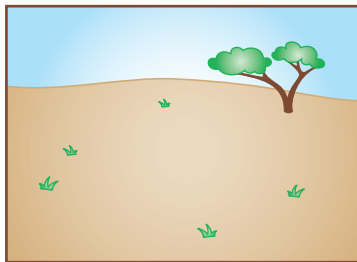


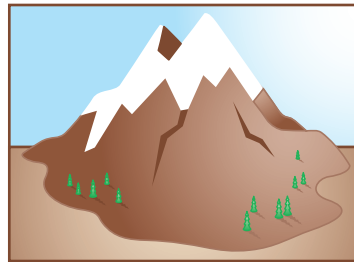


## Landforms

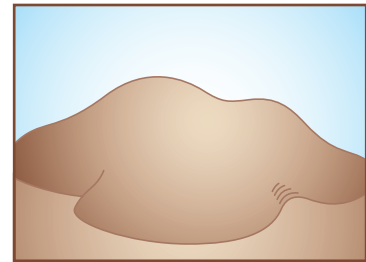
Maps are usually drawn on paper, so the land looks flat. But you know that Earth's land is not always flat. In fact, the land takes many shapes called **landforms**. The pictures show some important landforms.



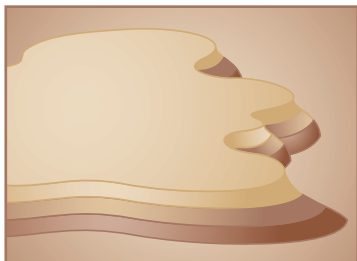
A **plain** is open, flat land.



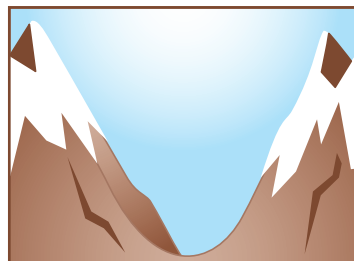
A **mountain** is very high land with steep slopes.



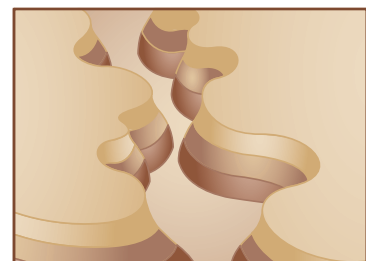
A **hill** is land that is higher than a plain but not as high or steep as a mountain.



A **plateau** is high, flat land.



A **valley** is low land between mountains or hills. Rivers often run through a valley.



A **canyon** is a narrow valley with high, steep sides. Rivers sometimes flow through canyons, too.

Use the pictures to answer these questions.

1. Which landforms are high land? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which landforms are low places? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How are a canyon and a valley alike? \_\_\_\_\_

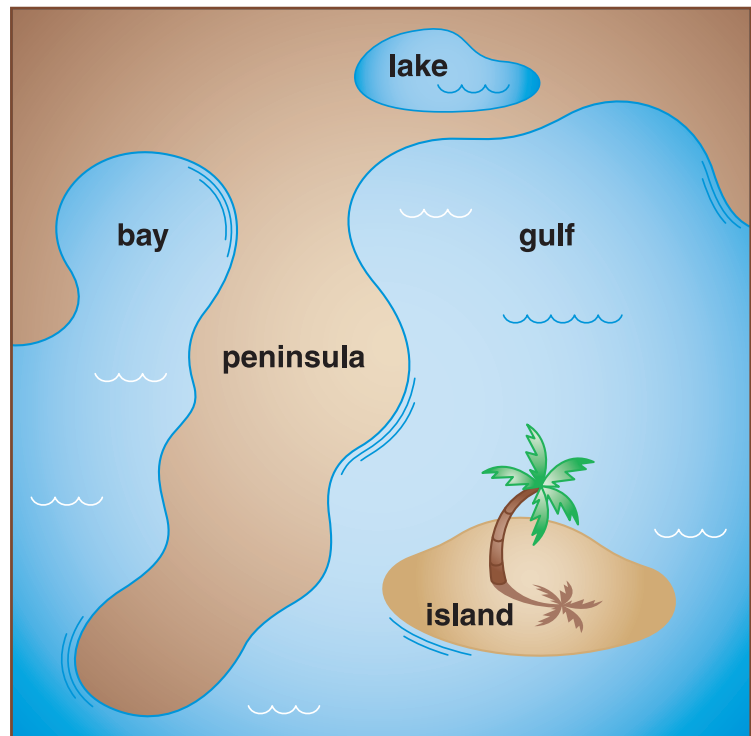
How are they different? \_\_\_\_\_



## More than half of Earth is covered with water.

You have learned about some of these bodies of water such as oceans, rivers, and lakes. The picture shows some other bodies of water and some other landforms.

## Use the maps to help answer the questions.



A **gulf** is part of an ocean or sea. A gulf is partly surrounded by land.

A **bay** is like a gulf but smaller.

An **island** is land that is completely surrounded by water.

A **peninsula** is an “almost island.” It is land that is surrounded by water on all but one side.

1. Why might a bay be a good place to keep a boat? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How is a bay like a gulf? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Find Jamaica on the map on page 283.  
What landform is Jamaica? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How is a peninsula different from an island? \_\_\_\_\_
5. In what way are a lake and an island similar? \_\_\_\_\_