Vocabulary

Lesson: Where do flash floods happen?

mystery science

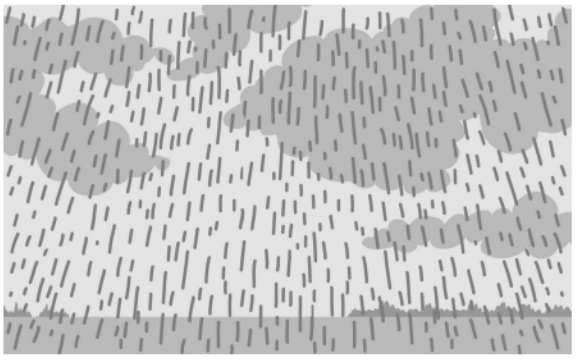
flood

an overflow of water

flash flood

an overflow of water that happens very fast

rain

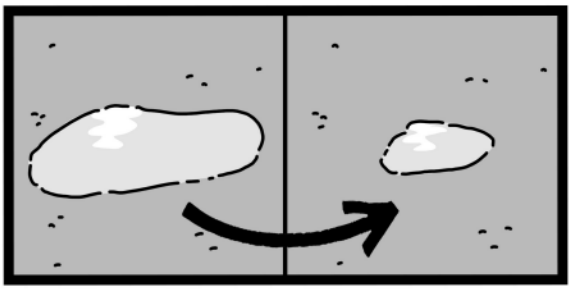


water drops that fall from clouds

storm

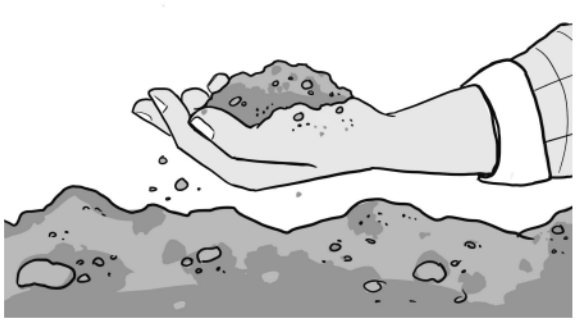
weather that usually includes strong wind and rain or snow

absorb



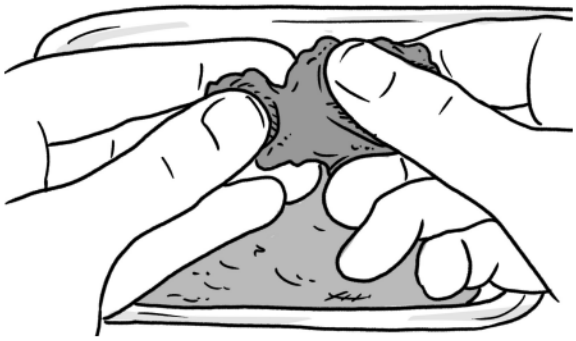
to soak up liquid, like a sponge

soil



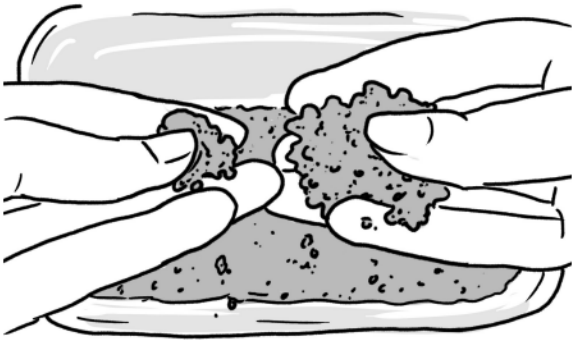
tiny pieces of rock and other materials that cover the ground

clay soil



a type of soil that has a smooth texture; water does not easily flow through it

sandy soil

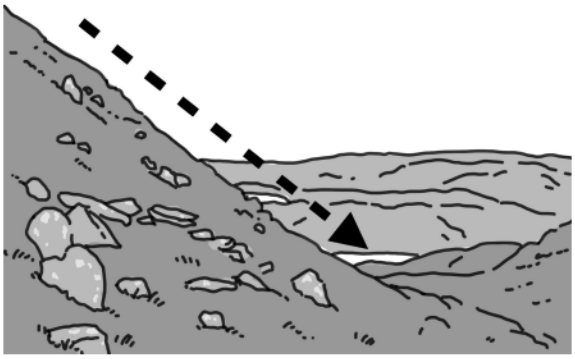


a type of soil that has a rough texture; water easily flows through it

river

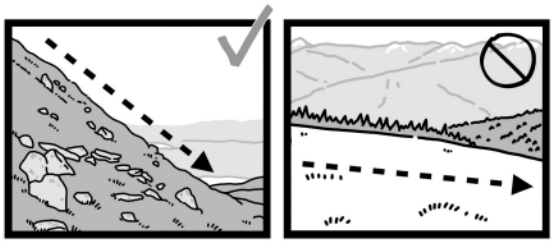
a long, thin area of water that flows

slope



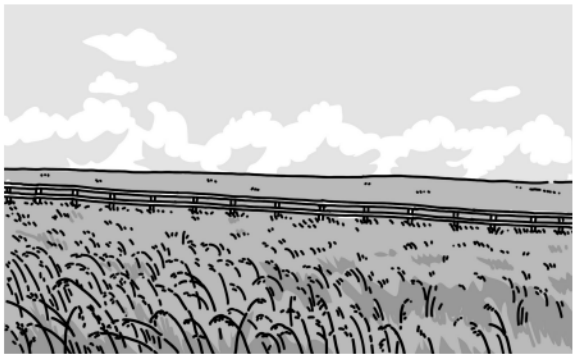
where one side is higher than the other

steep



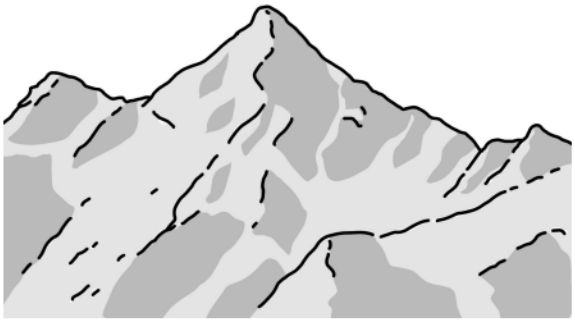
when something is very high up on one end and very low at the other end

plains



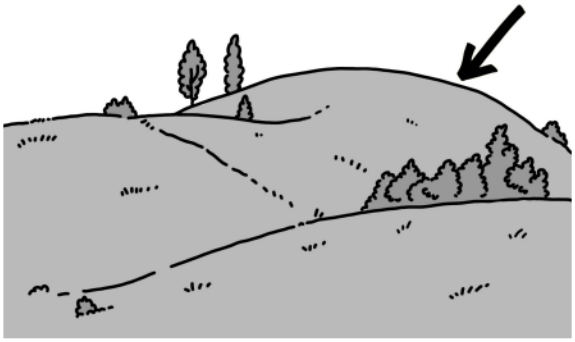
large areas of flat land with few trees

mountain



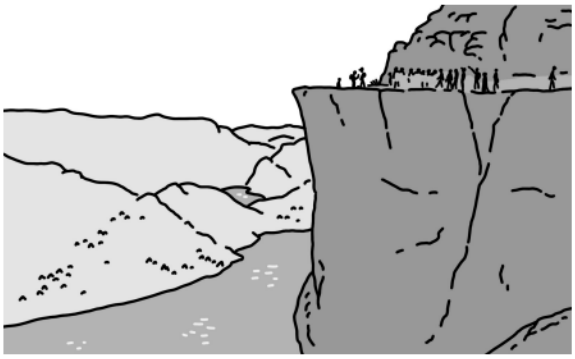
a picture that shows the passing a high area of land with steep sides

hill



a high area of land that isn't as tall as a mountain

cliff

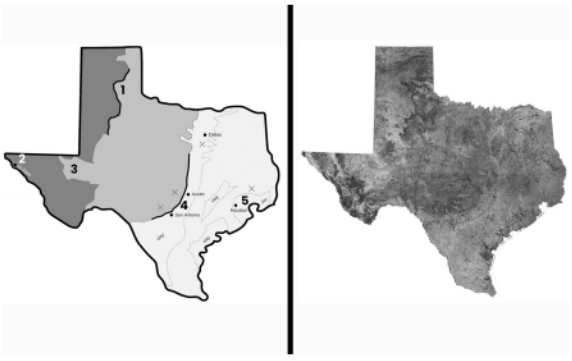


a high area of land with a side that is almost straight up-and-down

map

a drawing of a place that shows where things are

model



a pretend version of something that scientists use when the real thing is too big, small, or complicated to work with