

Chapter 8

Use with Section 1

REINFORCEMENT

● Landforms

Use the words in each box to fill in the blanks of the paragraph below.

plateaus	plains	Atlantic Coastal Plain	Gulf Coastal Plain
Great Plains	landforms	mountains	Coastal
Rocky Mountains	lowlands	flat	Interior

Features that make up the shape of the land at Earth's surface are called _____ . There are three basic types of landforms, _____ , _____ , and _____ . Plains are large, relatively _____ areas. In the United States, plains cover about one-half of all the land areas. _____ plains are broad areas along coastlines. These plains are called _____ because of their low elevation. The coastal plain along the East Coast of the United States is called the _____ . The plain that surrounds the Gulf of Mexico is the _____ . _____ plains extend across the center of the United States. The _____ make up a large portion of the interior plains. They have been formed by sediment eroded from the _____ over millions of years.

plateaus	River	Colorado Plateau	Grand Canyon	uplifted
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Relatively flat areas of land that rise steeply from the land around them are called _____ . They are areas of nearly horizontal rocks that have been _____ by forces within Earth. An example of a plateau in the United States is the _____ , which lies just west of the Rocky Mountains. Here the Colorado _____ has cut deep into the rock layers, forming the _____ .

Name the four kinds of mountains and give examples of each.

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