Earth's Changing Surface

Vocabulary Set | Landforms and Earth's Processes

Vocabulary Word	Definition
Sand Dunes	Hills or ridges of sand formed when wind carries and deposits sand.
Mountains	Large landforms rising high above surrounding land, often formed by tectonic plate movement or volcanic activity.
Volcanoes	Openings in Earth's crust where magma, gases, and ash can escape onto the surface.
Constructive Processes	Natural processes that build up Earth's surface by creating landforms or adding materials.
Destructive Processes	Natural processes that break down, wear away, or reshape Earth's surface.
Weathering	The breaking down of rocks into smaller pieces through physical, chemical, or biological processes.
Deposition	The dropping of sediment carried by wind, water, ice, or gravity in a new location.
Erosion	The movement of weathered rocks, soil, and sediment by wind, water, ice, or gravity.
Landslide	The rapid movement of rocks, soil, and other materials down a slope due to gravity.
Glacier	A large, slow-moving mass of ice formed from compacted snow over many years.
Delta	A landform created when a river deposits sediment near its mouth as it enters a larger body of water.
Flood	An event in which water overflows onto land that is normally dry, often causing erosion and deposition.