“She’ll be comin’ round the mountain when she comes....”
“Down in the valley, the valley so low....”

Have you heard these old songs? Can you picture what a mountain and a valley look like? Mountains and valleys are **landforms**. Other landforms include hills, plateaus, plains, and islands. Look at the drawing below to see some common landforms.

1. What is the difference between a hill and a mountain?
2. What is the difference between a plateau and a plain?
3. Would you see a valley in a place where the land is flat? Why or why not?
What landform am I?
Here are photographs of the same landforms that you see in the drawing on page 34. Look at the photographs and identify each landform.

4. mountains or hills?

5. valley or plateau?

6. plain or mountain?

7. plateau or mountain?

8. mountain or island?

9. plain or valley?
Landforms of India

Some maps show landforms. This is a map of India. India is a large country with many different landforms. The map shows some of India’s mountains, including the Eastern Ghats and the Western Ghats. The highest mountains are called the Himalaya. The map also shows the Deccan Plateau and the Ganges Plain.

10. What color on the map shows mountains?
11. What color on the map shows plains?
12. Between which mountains is the Deccan Plateau located?
13. Find the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Are these islands to the east or west of India?
14. Find the capital city, New Delhi. Is it in the mountains or plains?
15. Name one city on the Deccan Plateau.
16. What country borders India to the northwest?
17. Are India’s highest mountains in the northern or southern part of the country?
Bodies of Water
The map of India also shows bodies of water. These include an ocean, seas, gulfs, a bay, and many rivers.
- An ocean is a large body of salt water.
- A sea is a body of salt water that is smaller than an ocean.
- A gulf is a part of a sea or ocean that cuts into the land.
- A bay is a small body of water partly surrounded by land.
- A river is a body of fresh water that moves over land.

The place where land meets the ocean or the sea is called a coast. India’s west coast is on the Arabian Sea. India’s east coast is on the Bay of Bengal.

18. Find the Bay of Bengal. Name two countries on this bay.
19. Name the river that flows from the Himalaya to the Bay of Bengal.
20. Find the Arabian Sea. Name one country on this sea.
21. Name a gulf on India’s west coast.
22. Name the ocean you see on this map.

Skill Builder

Review
1. Which is an area of flat high land, a valley or a plateau?
2. Which is a low area between mountains or hills, a plain or a valley?
3. Which is the taller landform, a plateau or a mountain?
4. Which is a large body of salt water, a sea or a river?
5. Which is bigger, a sea or an ocean?

Try It Yourself
Look at the United States physical map on pages 68–69. Find these landforms and bodies of water: the Rocky Mountains, the Great Plains, the Central Lowland, the Appalachian Mountains, the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River, the Chesapeake Bay, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.