

**classify**

To group things together because they share one or more properties

**compaction**

The process by which soil particles pack together

**condensation**

When water vapor cools to turn from a gas to a liquid

**aquifer**

A layer of underground rock or sediment that contains water

**delta**

An area of land where a stream drops sediment and other materials as it empties into the sea or another large body of water. Such an area is called this because it is shaped like a triangle.

**deposition**

The process by which water of a glacier lays down earth materials

**ecosystem**

A community that includes all the living and nonliving things found in a certain area

**erosion**

The process by which earth materials such as rock and soil are worn away and moved

evaporation

The process by which a liquid becomes a gas

glacier

A huge mass of ice that moves very slowly over land

ground  
water

Water that has soaked into the soil

hydroelectricity

Electricity that is generated by waterpower

<h1>hydrologist</h1>	<p>A scientist who studies how water circulates on the earth's surface, underground, and in the atmosphere</p>
<h1>iceberg</h1>	<p>A large piece of ice that has broken off a glacier and has moved into the water</p>
<h1>irrigation</h1>	<p>The process by which humans supply water to land by artificial means such as pipes</p>
<h1>landforms</h1>	<p>The features of the earth's surface, such as mountains, plateaus, and plains</p>

levee

High ridge along a stream or river that is intended to prevent flooding

meander

A large bend in a stream channel that develops when soil is eroded from one bank and deposited on the other

weathering

Process by which earth materials are broken down by natural forces

<b>mountains</b>	High, steeply sloped and uplifted areas of rock on the Earth's surface
<b>plateaus</b>	High but relatively level areas, often next to mountains, made of horizontal layers of rock
<b>precipitation</b>	Moisture from the atmosphere that falls to the Earth (includes rain, sleet, snow, hail)
<b>plains</b>	Relatively flat land that has been leveled either by erosion or the deposition of earth materials

**mouth**

The point where  
water from a stream  
enters a lake or ocean

**source**

The place where a  
river begins

**pore space**

Space between soil  
particles