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### Geology Glossary

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talus cone	steep pile of rock fragments at the base of a cliff
tectonic activity	formation of the Earth's crust by a large-scale movement
tephra	can be large chunks or dust particles that are shot from a volcano during its eruption
terrace	level plain that is narrow, has a steep front, and borders a river
terrane	is a crustal segment that is attached to a landmass
till	a material that is sedimentary deposited by a glacier
transform fault	a crack that forms on the surface of the Earth where two plates move back and forth against each other
transgression	when the sea rises it can cause flooding of the shallow edges of the continental margins
trapps	massive lava flows that resembles a staircase
tropical glacier	found on the top of a mountain in the tropics
tsunami	a seismic sea wave which is produced by an earthquake or volcano that takes place under the ocean
tuff	pyroclastic fragments that has formed a rock
tundra	frozen ground at high elevations that never unfreeze

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upwelling	when magma or ocean rises upward
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