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Geology Glossary

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earth flow	when rocks and soil flow down the mountain side
earthquake	when an active fault eruptures because of geologic forces
eoliah	a deposit that is left by windblown sediments
erode	slowly wears away rock over time, usually done by glaciers, wind, and water
erosion	when the surface materials are worn away from weathering, rain, water
evaporite	sediment that is left behind as water evaporates
exfoliation	outer layers of weathered rock that has flaked off
extract	to take something out

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fault	a break in the rocks caused by the Earth moving
fissure	a large crack in the rocks where magma can escape from a volcano
fjord	long narrow, steep inlet of a mountain glacier
floodplain	the land next to a river that floods when there is too much water
formation	a combination of rocky areas that can be traced over a distance of space
fossil	dead remains of a plant or animal found in the rocks
friction	force that resists motion between two objects or surfaces