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### Geology Glossary

frost heaving	when rocks are lifted from the surface by the freezing of water
frost polygons	polygonal patterns that form after being frozen over and over
fumarole	a vent in the Earth where hot gases and steam can escape
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gabbro	an igneous rock that is dark, and coarse
gemstone	a beautiful mineral
geothermal	hot water or steam which is created by the hot rocks inside of the Earth
geyser	ejects jets of steam and hot water out of the Earth
glacier	a thick mass of moving ice that never melts
glacier burst	a flood that is caused by volcanic eruption underground in a glacier
granite	silica-rich rock that consists of quartz and feldspars
granulite	metamorphic rock that is comprised of continental interiors
groundwater	water that is obtained from the atmosphere and that circulates below the surface
gypsum	a calcium sulfate mineral that forms during the evaporation of brine pools

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haboob	a sandstorm or dust storm that is known to be violent
halite	common salt that is an evaporite deposit