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Geology Glossary

mesa	flat-topped elevated mass of Earth that is larger than a butte and smaller than a plateau
metamorphic rock	a rock that is formed when igneous or sedimentary rocks are changed by heat or pressure
metamorphism	igneous, metamorphic, or sedimentary rocks that have been recrystallized by intense temperatures, and pressure
mid-atlantic ridge	seafloor ridge along a divergent plate that marks the edge of the North and South American plates
midocean ridge	a ridge underwater along a divergent plate boundary where new ocean floor is to be created
mineral	a naturally occurring particle
mima mounds	piles of sediment that is caused by earthquakes
molecule	smallest unite of a substance which is made up of one or more atoms
molten	melted rock
moraine	low ridge of rock that has been deposited by a glacier
mountain roots	Crust layers that run deeper under the mountains
mudflow	sediment that consists of too much water and flows over the Earth's surface
mudstone	a sedimentary rock formed by mud
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natural resource	a natural material
non-clastic rock	sedimentary rock that was formed when water evaporated or from fossils