GWOST OF THE LAGOON

Vocabulary Strategy

WORDS CONNECTED WITH LANDFORMS

The word island is the name for a piece of land surrounded by water. Learning other words connected with landforms can help you to be more specific when speaking and writing about the environment.

A. Directions: Circle the correct definition of each word.

1. mountain
   a. a tall, high natural place
   b. a deep valley with steep sides
   c. watery land found at the mouth of a river
   d. a natural hot spring

2. cliff
   a. a hill or ridge made of sand
   b. a steep face of rock
   c. a river of ice that moves slowly
   d. the coldest biome

3. valley
   a. flat lands
   b. where a river meets the sea
   c. a low place between mountains
   d. a cold, treeless area

4. desert
   a. an area of land that is often wet
   b. a large body of saltwater
   c. a body of water enclosed by land
   d. a very dry area

5. swamp
   a. islands clustered together
   b. a low, wet region
   c. a river that flows into a larger river
   d. the imaginary circle around the earth

6. mesa
   a. a land formation with a flat top and steep walls
   b. a long, narrow sea inlet, bordered by cliffs
   c. a natural hot spring
   d. a hill made of sand

B. Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write a description of the area where you live or a place you have visited or read about. Use at least one of the words from Exercise A.