

1.3 Earth's Landforms

Vocabulary Practice

KEY VOCABULARY

- **butte** (BYOOT) n., a hill or mountain with steep sides and a flat top
- **continental** (KHAHN-tih-NEHN-tuhl) **shelf** n., the land at the edge of a continent that gradually slopes downward
- **erosion** (ee-ROH-shuhn) n., the process by which rocks and soil slowly break apart and are swept away
- **plain** n., a level area of land
- **plateau** (plah-TOH) n., a plain that sits above sea level and usually has a cliff on one side

Definition Chart Complete a Four-Column Chart for the Key Vocabulary words *butte*, *continental shelf*, *erosion*, *plain*, and *plateau*. Write each definition in your own words. Then draw an illustration that shows what the word means. Finally, write a sentence using the word.

Word	Definition	Illustration	Sentence
1. butte	a landform that has steep sides and is flat on top		
2. continental shelf			
3. erosion			
4. plain			
5. plateau			