

Grade 5, Unit 2

Defending What Matters: *Solimar*

Geography Vocabulary Terms



isthmus (p. 1)

A narrow strip of land with water on both sides



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bayou (p. 1)

A swampy, slow-moving waterway



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current (p. 3)

Flowing or rushing water in a stream, river, or other body of water



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foothills (p. 15)

Small hills, sometimes at the bottom of a larger mountain range



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flatlands (p. 16)

Large areas of land with few hills or mountains



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knoll (p. 52)

A small, rounded hill



Mick Lobb / [Brent Knoll](#)

valley (p. 52)

A low area between hills or mountains



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waterfall (p. 55)

A place where water flows over the edge of a cliff or steep rock



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bank/riverbank (p. 92)

The land along the edge of a river



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confluence (p. 92)

The place where two or more rivers meet and flow together



"Mtskheta located at the confluence of two rivers" by shankar s., CC BY 2.0

tributaries (p. 95)

Smaller rivers or streams that flow into a larger river



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rapids (p. 117)

Rough, fast-moving water in a river, often over rocks



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caves (p. 117)

Natural holes or spaces inside earth or rock



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canyon (p. 124)

A deep valley with steep sides, often formed by a river cutting through rock



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whirlpool (p. 124)

A spinning circle of water



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sandbar (p. 134)

A strip of sand surrounded by water

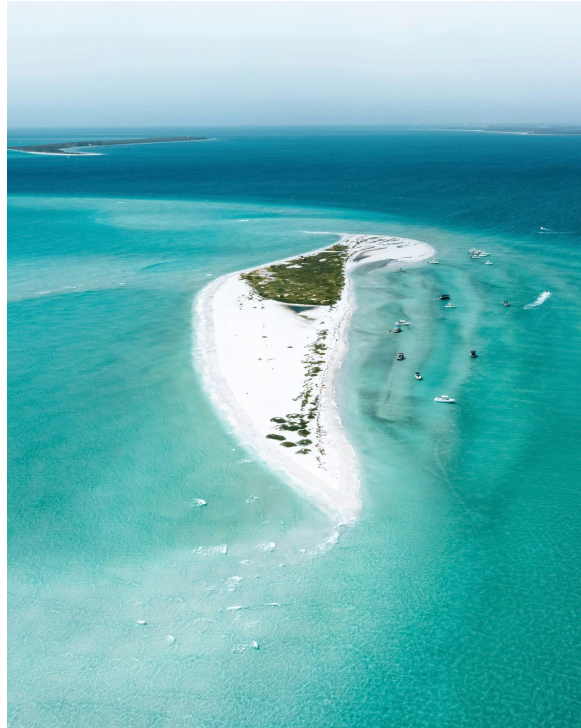


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stalagmites and stalactites (p. 137)

Rock formations that flow up from the floor (stalagmites) or down from the ceiling (stalactites) of a cave. They are formed by water slowly dripping over a long period of time.



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flowstone (p. 137)

A smooth sheet of rock formed by water dripping and leaving behind a layer of minerals



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lagoon (p. 146)

A shallow body of water, separated from a larger body of water



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cavern (p. 147)

A large cave or underground chamber



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