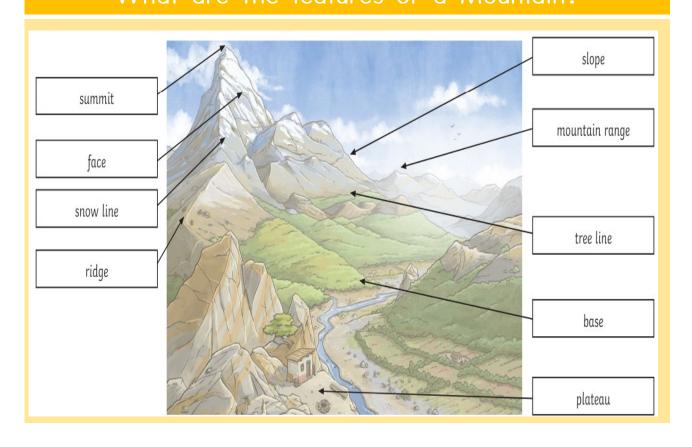
Big Idea: What makes a mountain?

Vocabulary	Definition	
Mountain	Natural part of the landscape with steep slopes and created when land hits different sections.	
Mountain range	A mountain range or hill range is a series of mountains or hills ranged in a line and connected by high ground .	
Summit	The highest point of a mountain.	
Tectonic plates	Pieces of the earth's crust connected together.	
altitude	The height above sea level.	
ridge	A long, narrow hilltop, mountain range, or watershed.	
valley	A low area of land between hills or mountains, typically with a river or stream flowing through it.	
plateau	An area of fairly level high ground.	
Gorges	A narrow valley with steep walls, found between hills or	
Magma	Hot, liquid rock beneath the Earth's surface.	
crust	The outermost layer of Earth.	

What are the features of a Mountain?



What is a mountain? How are they

- A mountain is a landform that rises high above its surroundings, usually with steep slopes and a peak or summit
- Mountains can be formed in different ways: when these plates collide <u>or</u> when magma can get from the centre of the earth up to the surface.

Fold mountains	Volcanic mountains	Dome mountains
Tectonic plates collide and rock is pushed up.	Formed around volcanoes and made of layers of ash and cooled lava.	Formed when magma is forced upwards but doesn't ever flow out of the crust.
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What is mountain climates like?

As you go **higher up a mountain**, the **climate changes**. Here's what usually happens:

It gets colder - The higher you go, the colder it gets. That's why there's often snow on the top of mountains.

It gets windier – Mountains are often very windy, especially near the top.

More rain or snow – Mountains get more rain and snow than flat land. This is because clouds rise up the mountain and drop their water.

Less oxygen – At the very top, the air is thinner, so it's harder to breathe (but this only happens on very high mountains).

What mountains have we got where we live?

