# layer

when rocks are formed, earth material can begin to layer causing stripes



#### sink

when something falls to the bottom because of it's size or weight



# settle

gradually moving to it's resting place- usually sinking to the bottom



# separate

when soil settles into separate layers, or separating rocks by their properties



### mixture

a material made up of 2 or more Earth materials blended together



# particle

one individual piece of sand



#### silt

silt is smaller than sand, but larger than clay



### Gravel

a large amount of rock pieces, used on roads and driveways



# pebble

a small stone made smooth by wind or water



### boulder

a large rock, typically broken off a mountain or cliff



#### cobble

a rock larger then a pebble, but smaller than a boulder, used to make roads called **cobblestone** 



# clay

a fine grained soil, mixed with water clay can be used to make pots, jars, and bowls



### beach

an area on the edge of a lake or ocean



## butte

a hill with steep sides and a flat top



### canyon

a deep V-shaped valley



## delta

Earth materials built up in the shape of a fan



#### erosion

the carrying away of Earth materials by water, wind, or ice



#### mesa

a hill with a wide, flat top



### mixture

two or more things mixed together



#### model

an explanation or representation of an object, system, or process



# plain

a low, flat, level area of land



plateau

a high, nearly flat area of land



### sand dune

a hill of sand formed by the wind



# valley

a low area between mountains



#### screen

a metal guard, used to separate different sized objects (rocks)



#### volcano

a place where lava, ash, and gasses come out from the Earth

