

World Geography	
Chapter 24	Vocabulary- modified
word	definition
Himalaya Mountains	a mountain range in South Asia that includes Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain peak.
subcontinent	
alluvial plain	land that is rich farmland, composed of clay, silt, sand, or gravel deposited by running water.
archipelago	
atoll	a ring-like coral island or string of small islands surrounding a lagoon.
monsoon	
cyclone	a violent storm with fierce winds and heavy rain; the most extreme weather pattern of South Asia.
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Ganges River	river in South Asia; an important water resource flowing more than 1,500 miles from its source in a Himalayan glacier to the Bay of Bengal.
storm surge	
estuary	a broadened seaward end of a river, where the river's currents meet the ocean's tides.