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Social Study

Answer Worksheet -- 16

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Topic: Minor landforms of the Earth

1 Write a short note on Rivers

Long streams of water are called rivers. The point where a river starts is its source and the point where it ends is its mouth. Many rivers start in the mountains from melting snow in glaciers. Rivers which have water throughout the year are called Perennial Rivers; example, River Ganga. Rivers which have water only during the monsoon season are called Seasonal Rivers; example, Godavari River. Along the course of the river, several small rivers join the main river. They are called the tributaries of the main river. A river carries with it large amounts of silt and it is deposited in large quantity in its mouth leading to the formation of a delta.

2 What is an Island? What is an archipelago? Give an example.

An area of land surrounded by water on all sides is called an Island. Islands are of different sizes – some are just few kilometres in length, while some are thousands of kilometres across. An island is smaller than a continent. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are part of our country.

A group of islands is called an archipelago. Example of an archipelago is the Aleutian Island.

3 What are deserts? What are the different kinds of desert? Name the largest desert in the world.

Deserts are extremely dry areas of land with very little water. They get less than 25 cm of rainfall a year. Very few plants grow in desert. Cactus is the most common plant seen in the desert.

Some deserts are sandy, like the Thar Desert in India. Some deserts are rocky, like the parts of Sahara desert.

The Sahara is the largest desert in the world.

4 What is a coast, beach, bay, peninsula and lake?

Coast: A place where the land and sea meet is called a coast.

Beach: A beach is a narrow strip of land that stretches along the coast separating the land from the sea.

Bay: A water body surrounded by land on three sides is known as a bay.

Peninsula: A landform which is surrounded by water on three sides and is joined to the mainland on one side is called a peninsula

Lake: A large body of water that is surrounded by land on all sides is called a lake. Lakes contain either salty or fresh water.

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