

Mountains

Fun fact for kids



Mount Everest, in the Himalayas, is Earth's tallest mountain, towering 8,848 meters above sea level.



Some mountains, like Mount Fuji in Japan and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, are actually volcanoes.



Mountains usually form in ranges, like the Alps in Europe.



Climbing mountains is a popular outdoor activity called mountaineering.



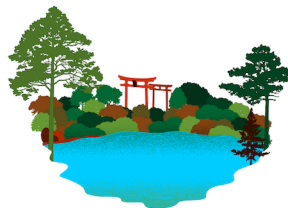
Rivers often begin in mountains, as snow and ice melt flows downhill



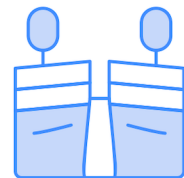
Mountains are shaped by erosion from wind, water, and ice, creating valleys, peaks, and cliffs.



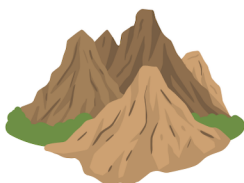
Mountains have been the inspiration for many myths, legends, and stories in cultures around the world.



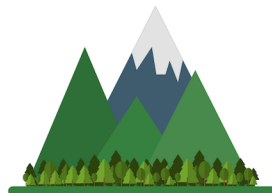
Glacial meltwater forms beautiful mountain lakes, like Lake Louise in Canada



Mountains are often formed by the movement of Earth's tectonic plates



The Appalachian Mountains, over 480 million years old, are among the oldest in North America.



Many mountains have snow-capped peaks year-round due to their high altitudes and cold temperatures.



The Himalayas, born from plate collision, still rise as one of Earth's youngest ranges.