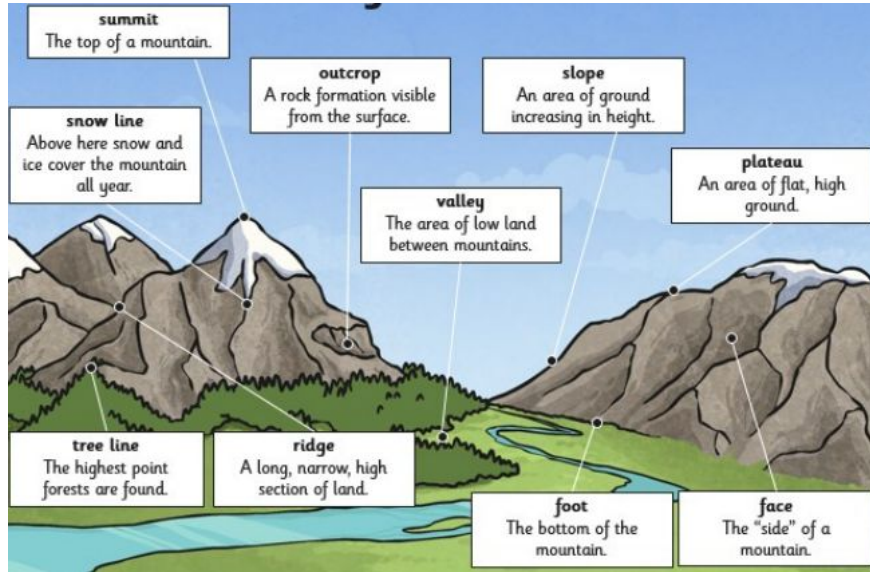


On top of the world

What impact do mountains have on the local environment and those who live there?



Mount Everest
8,849m



Mount Kilimanjaro
5,895m



Machu Picchu
2,430m



The Matterhorn
4,478m

Mountain (range)	A large natural elevation of the earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding level
Contours	A contour line joins points of equal elevation (height) above a given level, such as sea level.
Tectonic Plates	Sections of the Earth's crust which move slowly over the mantle
Crust	The hard rocky layer of the earth
Fold mountains	Mountains formed by the pushing together of tectonic plates
Orographic/relief rain	Precipitation formed by air moving over mountains.
Windward and Leeward side	The sides of a mountain, facing the prevailing wind, and away from the prevailing wind.