

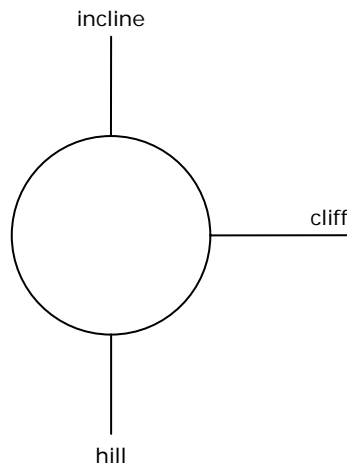
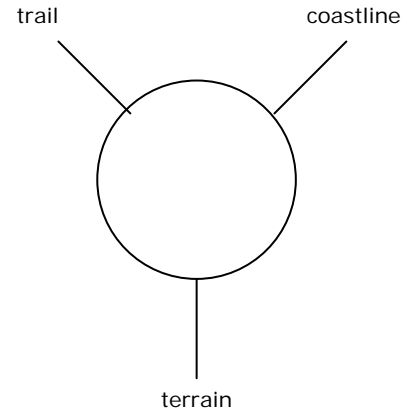
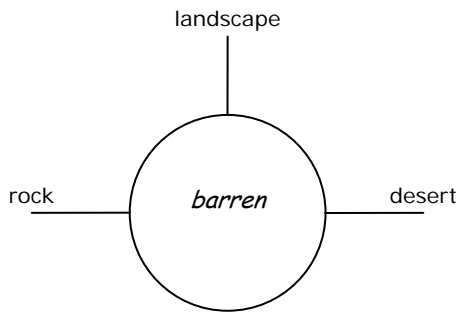
Unit 2 Australia

Noun phrases related to geography

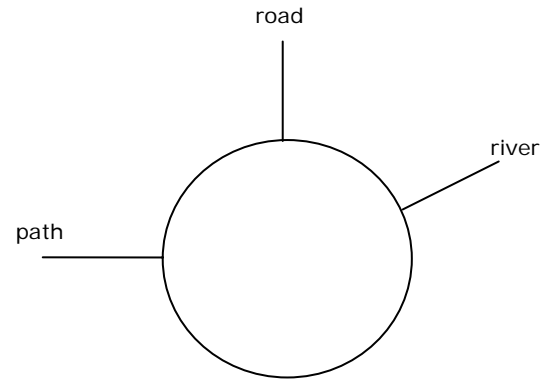
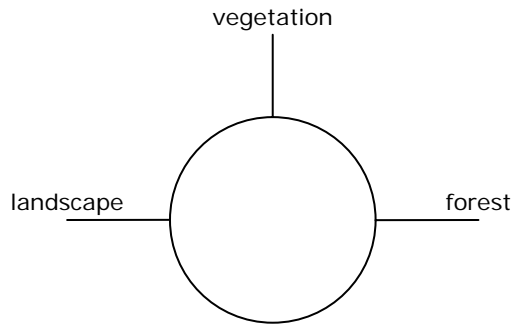
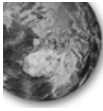
Learn the expressions

- 1 In this unit, we learned something about the geography of the Australian outback. Let's look at some other expressions related to geography. Complete the word webs with the adjectives in the box to make common adjective-noun combinations. Use each adjective only once. Then check the Answer Key on the next page.

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Answer Key

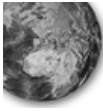
barren (with no vegetation): landscape, desert, rock

rugged (rough, rocky, uneven): trail, coastline, terrain

steep (difficult to climb, that goes up or down at a sharp angle): incline, cliff, hill

lush (with lots of green and healthy plants or leaves): landscape, forest, vegetation

winding (with many curves and bends, not straight): road, path, river



Use the expressions

2 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box. Use each adjective at least once. More than one answer is possible in some cases.

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- Ecuador is a country of contrasts that offers visitors both dry, (1) _____ landscapes and humid, (2) _____ rainforests.
- The extreme weather conditions, together with the (3) _____ inclines, make Mount Everest a very attractive challenge for expert climbers.
- As you climb up the mountain, vegetation gives way to a rocky and (4) _____ terrain. From the top of the mountain, the (5) _____ river looks like a giant snake crossing the valley.

3 Underline the appropriate noun to complete this travel guide excerpt

Take an outdoor vacation in Southern California -- you won't be disappointed. From the lush (1) **vegetation / trails** of La Jolla to the barren (2) **trees / rocks** of Palm Springs, the diversity will dazzle you. Stop in the bustling cities of San Diego and Los Angeles and visit their historic districts, such as Old Town and Olvera Street. Avoid the freeways and take the winding (3) **roads / hills** along the coast. You'll see beautiful beaches and rugged (4) **forests / coastlines** as you drive. Travel inland a few miles and you'll find yourself in a lush, green (5) **incline / landscape** complete with winding (6) **hills / roads** and trails, steep (7) **deserts / cliffs**, and sometimes rugged (8) **terrains / forests**.

Make the expressions your own

3 Use the adjective-noun combinations in Exercises 1-3 to describe these places. Add as much detail as you can.

- a place on earth that you think is very dangerous

- the Amazon jungle or another jungle you have seen in photographs or in person

- a place you used to visit when you were little _____
