

Mountains

Mountains are found on every continent on Earth and even under the sea. They cover over one fifth of the Earth's surface.



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Fold mountains are formed when Earth's tectonic plates collide forcing the crust upwards, causing it to buckle and fold.



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Volcanic mountains are built up from the materials ejected from a volcano. The lava and rocks form layers, which over many years result in a distinctive cone shape.



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The Andes is the longest mountain range on land, at around 4,300 miles long.



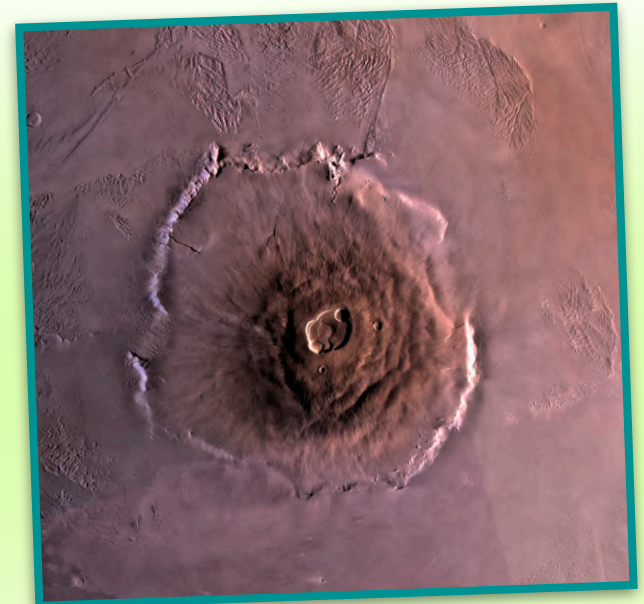
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The islands that make up Hawaii are, in fact, the tops of huge underwater volcanic mountains.



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The tallest mountain known to man isn't even on Earth! Olympus Mons is a volcanic mountain on Mars and is three times higher than Everest.



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At an impressive 8,848 metres, Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.



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Formed over 480 million years ago, the Appalachian Mountains are the oldest mountain range in North America.



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Mountains exist under the sea. The highest ocean mountain is Mount Vema in the South Atlantic Ocean.



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12% of the world's population live on mountains.



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