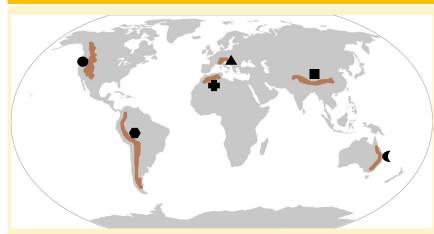
Mountains: What are mountains and how do we use them?

Key Vocabulary agriculture Growing crops or farming animals. The height of things above sea level. altitude The average weather conditions of a climate particular place or region. conservation The careful protection of something. formation The way something is made. A series (group) of mountains close mountain range together. Broken pieces of the Earth's surface tectonic plates (crust) that are always moving.

Major mountain ranges of the world



- ▲ The Alps (Europe) Tallest mountain: Mont Blanc
- ◆ The Andes (South America)
 Tallest mountain: Aconcagua
- ♣ The Atlas Mountains (Africa)
 Tallest mountain: Toubkal
- ◀ The Great Dividing Range (Australia) Tallest mountain: Mount Kosciuszko
- The Himalayas (Asia) Tallest mountain: Everest
- The Rocky Mountains (North America) Tallest mountain: Mount Elbert

Land use



People grow a variety of crops depending on the altitude.



People dig deep into mountains to collect their natural resources.



People have created small and large communities in the mountains to live and work.



People travel to experience mountain life, see nature and do adventurous activities.



People protect the natural environment and its native species of plants and animals.

millions of years old formation: • when the Earth's tectonic plates push together or move apart • when magma underneath the Earth's crust pushes large areas of land upwards types: fold fault-block volcanic dome plateau

Parts of a mountain summit face ridge valley