Landforms Match Game

This game is played like the memory match card game that many children are familiar with. It is designed to reinforce their understanding of landforms.

Materials:

- Landform name cards and description cards (pages 2-7)

Set up:

Copy the cards on card stock so students cannot see through the paper.

Cut the cards on the dotted lines.

Laminate the cards, if desired.

How to Play:

Lay all of the cards upside-down on the table and mix them up.

Players will flip pairs of cards. They will try to match the landform name to the matching landform definition.

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Player 1 flips two cards. If the cards match, he or she gets to keep both cards. If the cards do not match, then the cards are flipped back upside-down.

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- a large area of flat land

Mountains:
- a large, tall, rocky area of land that comes up out of the earth's surface

Valley:
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- a large crack in the earth caused by a river or earthquakes

Isthmus:
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