

Ch. 23-24 Vocab

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1) Basin:

An area drained by a river and its tributaries

2) Montane:

Referring to a mountainous area

3) Canopy:

The upper layer of a rainforest where the tops of tall trees form a continuous layer of leaves

4) Understory:

The lower layer of the rainforest, situated beneath the canopy

5) Cash Crop:

A crop grown primarily for sale and profit rather than for personal consumption

6) Plantation:

An agricultural estate where a single crop (often cash crops) is cultivated on a large scale

7) Internally Displaced Person:

A person who has been forced to flee their home due to conflict, violence, or natural disasters but remains within their own country

8) Biofuel:

Fuel derived from organic materials such as plants or animal waste

9) Escarpment:

A steep slope or cliff, often found at the edge of a plateau or mountain range

10) Delta:

A landform formed at the mouth of a river where it meets an ocean, sea, or lake, characterized by sediment deposition and branching channels

11) Mediterranean Climate:

A climate type characterized by hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters, similar to the weather in the Mediterranean region

12) Rain Shadow:

A dry area on the leeward side of a mountain range that receives less precipitation due to the blocking effect of the mountains

13) Urbanization:

The process of population growth and the expansion of cities and towns, often accompanied by industrialization and infrastructure development

14) Sanitation:

Measures and practices related to maintaining public health and cleanliness, including waste disposal, water supply, and hygiene

15) Subsistence Farming:

Agricultural practices aimed at producing enough food for the farmer's own family or local community, rather than for commercial sale

16) Commercial Farming:

Large-scale agriculture focused on producing crops or livestock for sale in the market

17) Shifting Cultivation:

A traditional farming method where plots of land are cleared, cultivated, and then left fallow to regenerate, while new plots are cleared elsewhere

18) Groundwater:

Water stored beneath the Earth's surface in aquifers, accessible through wells and springs