

Explanation of Terms

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- Breaker**, a wave whose crest breaks into foam, usually in shallow water.
- Breakwater**, a barrier erected to break the force of the waves.
- Bulletin**, an official report issued to the public.
- Café**, a coffee-house or restaurant [French].
- Canal**, a watercourse or large ditch cut for navigation or irrigation purposes.
- Canyon**, a deep narrow gorge or ravine cut out by flowing water.
- Caravan**, a company of merchants, etc., travelling together for security, especially when crossing a desert.
- Cataract**, a waterfall or cascade.
- Cereals**, grain or corn plants used for food.
- Chinook**, winds blowing from the Rocky Mountain area towards the prairies, first so called from their blowing from the country of the Chinook Indians.
- Citadel**, a fort or strong place in or near a city.
- Climate**, the weather conditions of a place as regards temperature, rainfall, winds, etc.
- Coaling-station**, a town or island, often fortified, where stores of coal are kept for the use of ships, especially those of the navy.
- Coal Measures**, the rocks among which coal may be found.
- Commerce**, interchange of goods between one place and another.
- Commissioner**, one who has authority (*commission*) to perform some special work.
- Coniferous**, bearing fruit in the form of cones, as pine, fir, etc.
- Continent**, a large extent of land not broken up by seas.
- Convict Settlement or Station**, a place to which convicted criminals are sent as a punishment.
- Coolies**, an Indian name for "labourers," applied chiefly to Hindus and Chinese.
- Corral**, an enclosure into which horses, cattle, etc., are driven in order to be more easily caught.
- Craft**, general name for ships.
- Crater**, the cup-shaped opening of the vent of a volcano.
- Creek**, a narrow bay or channel; sometimes used for a small river.
- Cyclone**, a storm with a circular or rotatory movement; a large whirlwind.
- Deciduous**, having leaves that fall in autumn, as birch, oak, etc.
- Defile**, a narrow pass or valley; literally, a place where soldiers must march in single file.
- Delta**, low land formed of mud deposited at the mouth of a river; so called from the Nile delta, which was named, from its shape, after the Greek letter *delta* (Δ).
- Desert**, a barren, uninhabited place.