

- Monsoons**, winds which change with the seasons, especially those in the Indian Ocean.
- Moors**, waste ground covered with heather, mosses, etc. Also, natives of Morocco, etc., the Mohammedans who occupied Spain during the Middle Ages.
- Moraines**, heaps of stones, etc., carried by glaciers, and deposited where the ice melts.
- Mosque**, a Mohammedan place of worship or sacred building.
- Muskeg**, a bog or swamp.
- Navigable**, deep enough to be used by ships.
- Nomads**, people who live in tents and wander from place to place to find pasture for their flocks, or in search of game.
- Oasis**, a fertile spot in a desert.
- Ocean**, one of the main divisions of the salt water that covers the greater part of the earth's surface; also, the whole water-surface of the globe.
- Ore**, rock, etc., from which metals may be extracted.
- Oriental**, eastern; used of the lands, etc., that lie to the east of Europe.
- Pampas**, treeless plains in the south of South America [Spanish].
- Pariah**, outcast; belonging to no caste (in India); a mongrel dog.
- Parsee**, descendants of Persian fire-worshippers in India; literally, "Persian."
- Pastoral**, connected with the feeding of sheep, etc., or pasturing, as distinguished from agriculture.
- Pasture**, land covered with grass suitable for feeding cattle, etc.
- Peninsula**, a portion of land almost surrounded by water; literally, "almost an island."
- Pigmy** (also **Pygmy**), a dwarf; a word used by the ancient Greeks, from the name of a measure of length a little more than a foot long.
- Plateau**, a plain lying at a high elevation; a table-land.
- Plaza**, an open square in a town [Spanish].
- Pole**, the end of the earth's axis of rotation.
- Political**, concerned with matters of government.
- Poncho**, a simple form of cloak worn by South American Indians.
- Power-house**, a house where electric power is produced by dynamos driven by means of water-turbines or of steam-engines.
- Prairie**, a wide grassy plain, either flat or rolling in surface.
- Preserves**, parks or other places where wild animals are protected.
- Promontory**, a lofty headland or cape.
- Puna**, a high bleak plateau, especially in the Peruvian Andes.
- Ranch**, a large stock farm or grazing ground for cattle, etc.
- Rajah**, a native prince or king in India.
- Ravine**, a narrow rocky valley cut out by a torrent.