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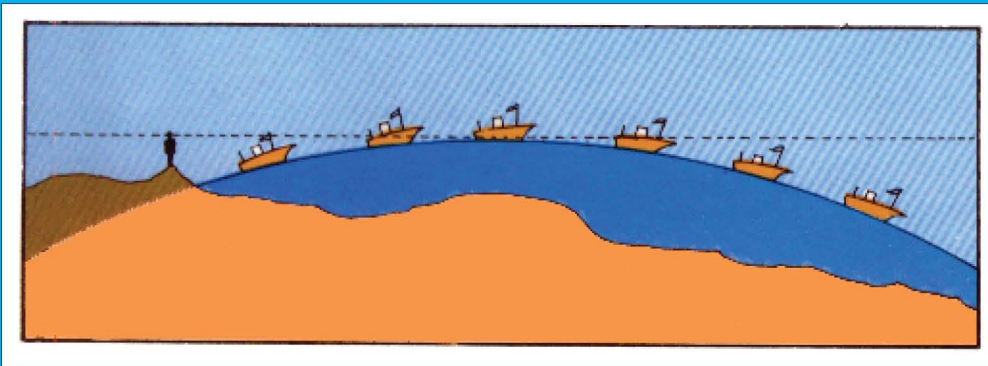
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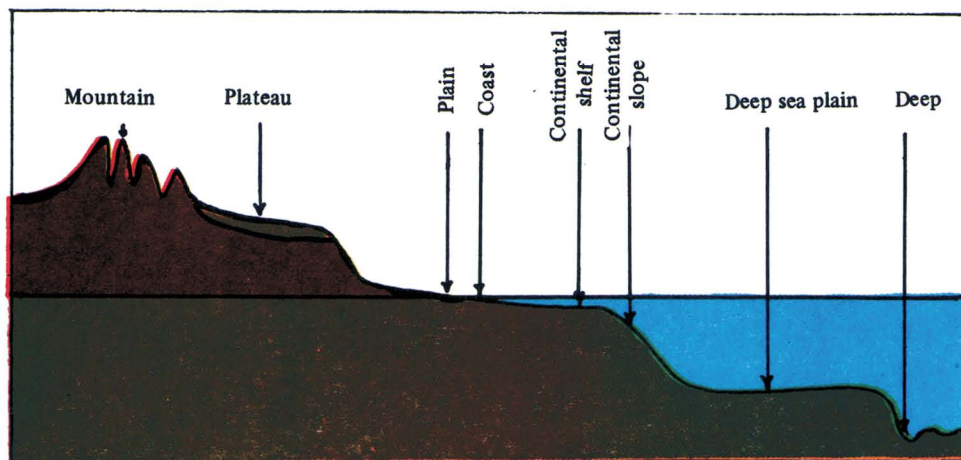
THE FEATURES OF THE EARTH

The surface of the earth has many features. The main features of the land-surface are :—

1. Mountains
2. Plateaus
3. Plains
4. Coasts

And those of the ocean surface are :—

1. Continental shelf
2. Continental slope
3. Deep-sea plains
4. Deeps



Surface features of the earth

Fig. 11

First, we shall deal with the features of the land surface. These are known as *land-forms*.

SCALE

A scale is the ratio which a given distance on the map bears to the actual distance on the ground. In other words, it expresses the proportional relation between the maps and parts of the earth's surface that they represent. For example, if a length of one centimetre on the map represents a distance of 250 metres on the ground, then the scale would be $\frac{1}{100 \times 250} = \frac{1}{25\,000}$ or 1: 25000. This method of showing scale is called *representative fraction* or simply "R.F."

Another essential of a map is direction. There are four main directions:

(1) North (2) South (3) East (4) West.

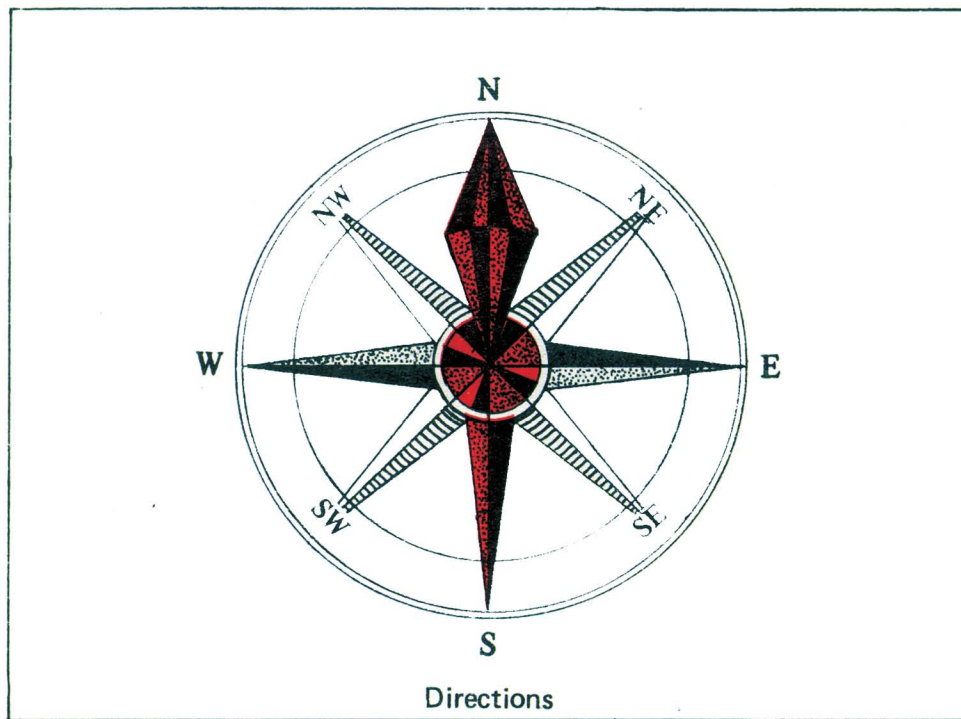


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