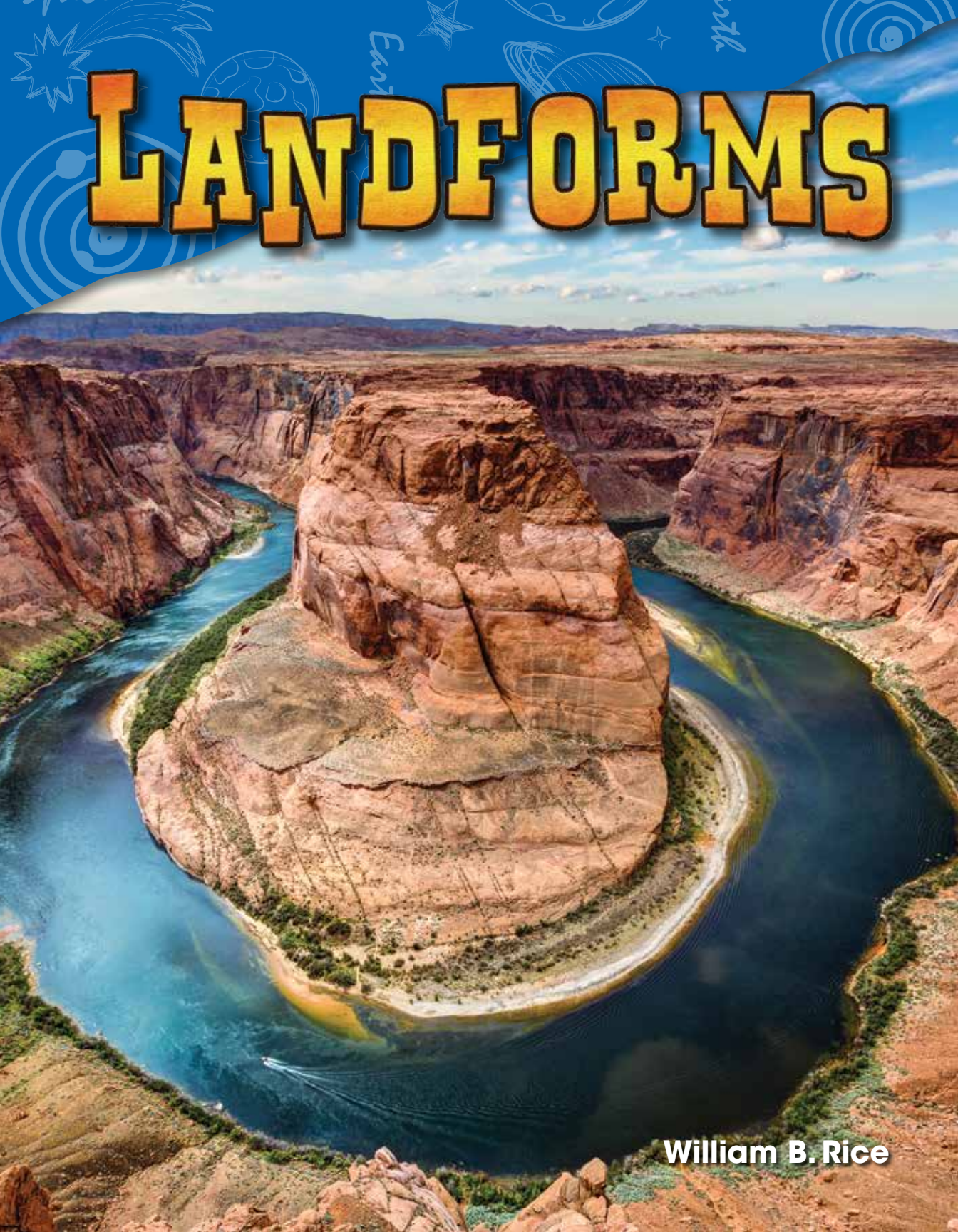
Landforms



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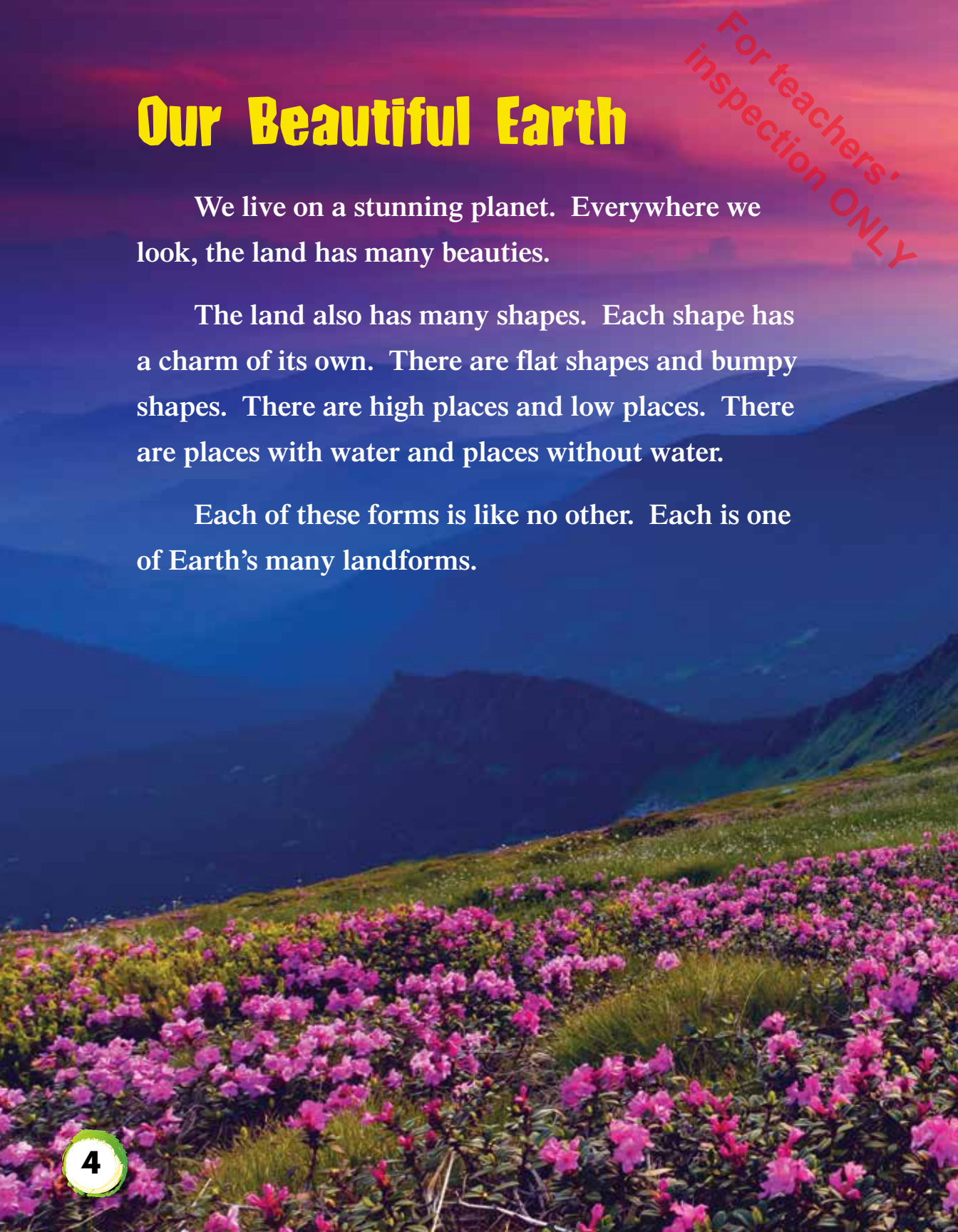
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Our Beautiful Earth

We live on a stunning planet. Everywhere we look, the land has many beauties.

The land also has many shapes. Each shape has a charm of its own. There are flat shapes and bumpy shapes. There are high places and low places. There are places with water and places without water.

Each of these forms is like no other. Each is one of Earth's many landforms.



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The Big Picture

If we look at a map or a photo of Earth, we can easily see the biggest landforms.



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Oceans are the large bodies of water that cover most of Earth's surface. There are five of them. Between the oceans, there are big masses of land. There are seven in all. These are the continents.



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Describing Landforms

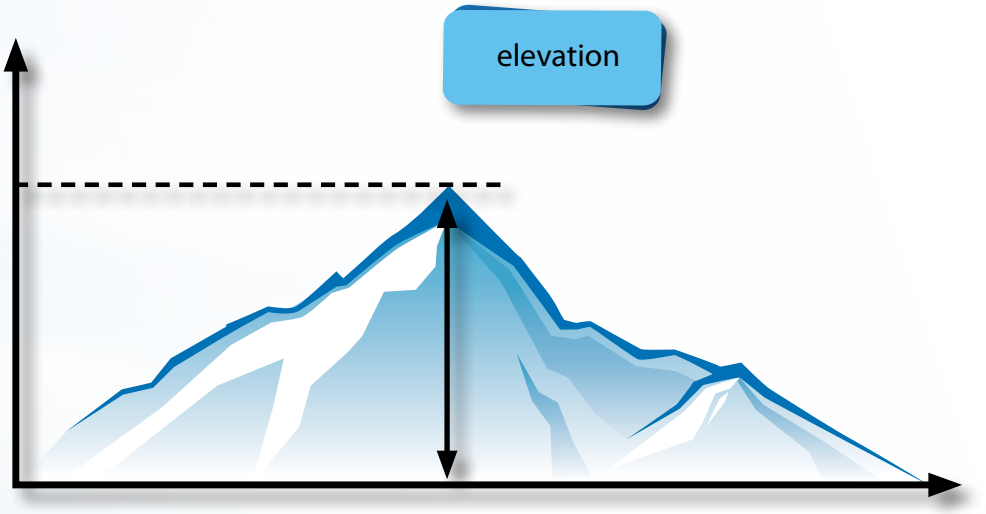
Land has many different shapes. So, people have a word for each shape. These words tell us about the landform. They tell us how big or how high it is.

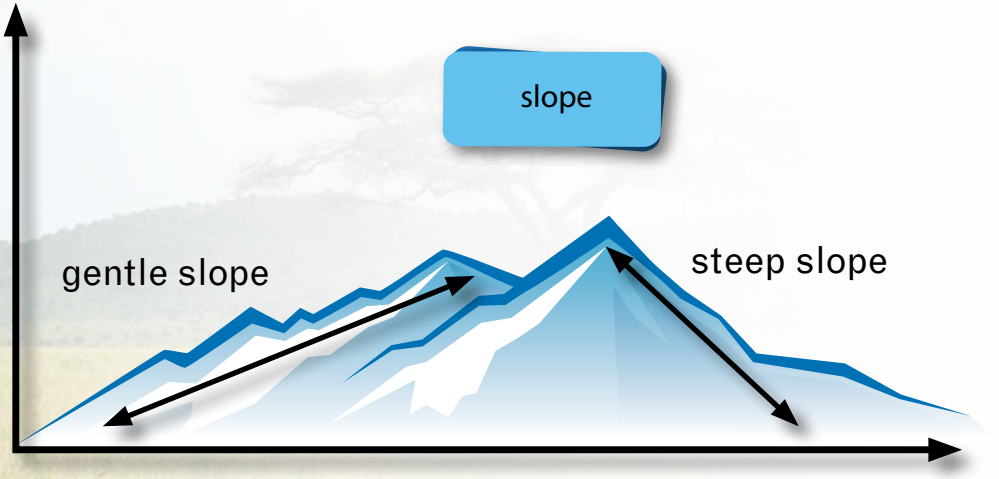


The tallest mountain is Mount Everest.

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Elevation tells how high something is. **Slope** tells how **steep** the sides are.





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Let's Do Science!

How are Earth's landforms alike and different? See for yourself!

What to Get

- ❍ 1 cup salt
- ❍ $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups water
- ❍ 4 cups flour
- ❍ measuring cup
- ❍ mixing bowl
- ❍ newspaper



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What to Do

1. Lay the newspaper on a table or counter. Put a large mixing bowl on top of the newspaper.



2. Measure the right amounts of flour, water, and salt. Use your hands to mix everything together in the bowl.



3. Think of some landforms you have seen. Make them in the dough. Tell a friend what makes them each alike and different.

