

World Geography: Mountains Cheat Sheet

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Mountains are listed roughly in order of the frequency with which they appear in questions.

Asia

Mountain	Details
Mount Everest	highest mountain in the Himalayas, in Asia, and in the world; on the border of Nepal and China; first summited by Sir Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norgay, in 1953; the route up includes the dangerous Khumbu Icefall
K2	second-highest mountain in the world; highest mountain in the Karakoram Range, on the border of Pakistan and China; fewer than 400 people have summited it, compared with nearly 100 fatalities
Mount Fuji	highest mountain in Japan; on Honshu, often visible from Tokyo about 60 miles away; last erupted in the early 1700s
Mount Ararat	dormant volcano in eastern Turkey, near the borders with Iran, Azerbaijan, and Armenia; is a national symbol of Armenia; was named as a Biblical reference, in the belief it was the landing site of Noah's Ark

Africa

Mountain	Details
Kilimanjaro	highest mountain in Africa; has three volcanic cones, called Shira, Mawenzi, and Kibo; its glaciers are predicted to disappear before 2050
Mount Kenya	second-highest mountain in Africa; "Facing Mount Kenya" is an anthropological study by future Kenyan president Jomo Kenyatta of his ethnic group, the Kikuyu people
Toubkal	highest mountain in the Atlas Mountains in Morocco

North America

Mountain	Details
Denali	highest mountain in North America, the US, and Alaska; formerly known as Mount McKinley
Mount Rainier	highest mountain in the Cascades, in Washington; very likely to erupt soon
Mount Whitney	highest mountain in the Sierra Nevadas in California; just 85 miles away from North America's lowest point, in Death Valley
Pikes Peak	a "fourteener" (14,000+ foot tall mountain) in the Rockies in Colorado; "America the Beautiful" was inspired by the sight from its relatively-easy-to-climb summit

South America

Mountain	Details
Aconcagua	highest mountain in the Andes, in Argentina, and in South America
Chimborazo	highest mountain in Ecuador; located very near the equator, making its summit the point on the Earth's surface farthest from the Earth's center

Europe

Mountain	Details
Mount Elbrus	highest mountain in the Caucasus Mountains, in Russia, and in Europe; has two dormant volcanic peaks
Mont Blanc	highest mountain in the Alps; on the border of France, Italy, and Switzerland
Matterhorn	in the Alps, on the border of Italy & Switzerland; famous for its 19th century quest to be climbed, which ended in tragedy, as well as its general beauty

Oceania

Mountain	Details
Mount Kosciuszko	highest mountain on mainland Australia, in New South Wales; named for a Polish explorer
Uluru	sandstone formation that is highly sacred to the Aboriginal Pitjantjatjara people; named Ayers Rock by Europeans

Antarctica

Mountain	Details
Mount Vinson	highest mountain in Antarctica; part of Vinson Massif