

Amazing Words

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glacier: a great mass of ice moving very slowly down a mountain or along a valley

impressive: able to have a strong effect on the mind or feelings

naturalist: a person who studies living things

preserve: to keep from harm or change; protect

slopes: land that goes up and down at an angle

species: a set of related living things that share certain characteristics and that can interbreed

wilderness: a wild region with few or no people living in it

earthquake: a shaking or shifting motion of Earth's surface. It is caused by the sudden breaking of masses of rock along a fault.

eruptions: acts or processes of bursting or throwing forth

volcano: opening in Earth's crust through which steam, ashes, and lava are forced out in periods of activity

magma: hot fluid below or within the earth's crust from which lava and other igneous rock is formed by cooling

elk: a red deer of a large race native to North America

lava: hot molten rock erupted from a volcano or fissure, or solid rock resulting from cooling of this

sequoia: a redwood tree

geyser: a hot spring in which water intermittently boils, sending a tall column of water and steam into the air

wildlife: wild animals collectively

wildflowers: a flower of an uncultivated variety or a flower growing freely without human intervention.