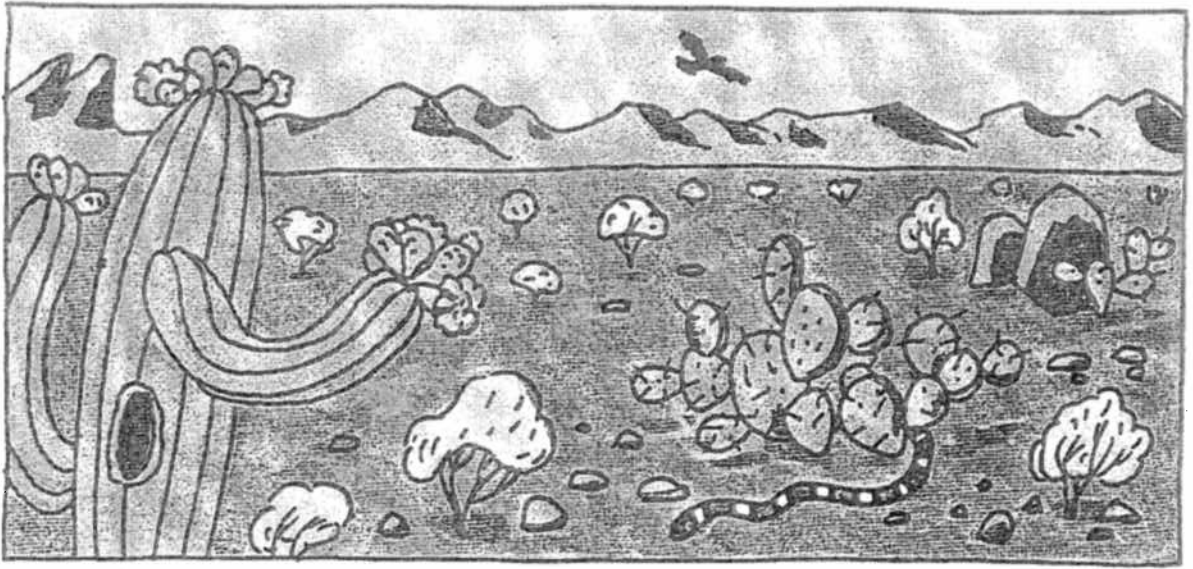
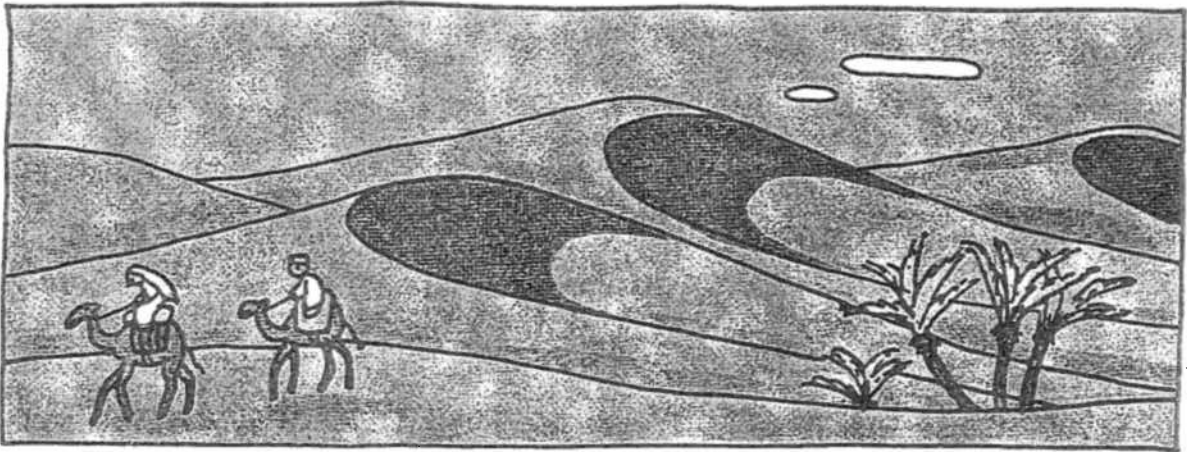


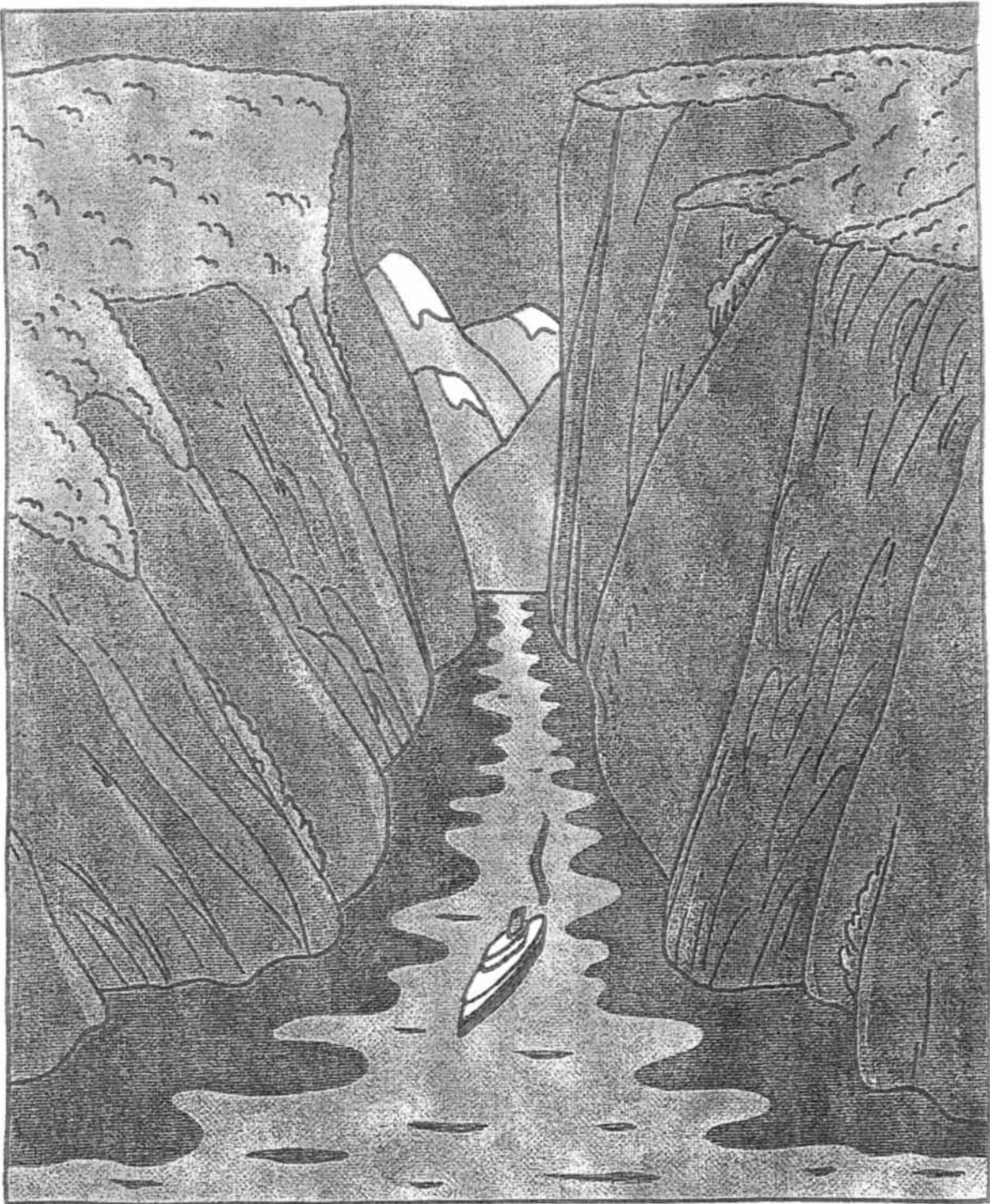
**Delta**—a fan-shaped deposit of mud and sand, often green with vegetation, found at the mouths of many rivers.



**Desert**—a very dry and desolate land that receives little or no rainfall. Most deserts are covered with rocks and stones. Only one fifth of all desert surfaces are covered with sand. An **oasis** is an isolated green spot in a desert where water flows up from an underground spring.



**Dune**—a mound or ridge of loose sand shaped by blowing winds. Dunes are found both in deserts and along seashores.



Fjord—a long, narrow inlet of the sea between tall, rocky cliffs.

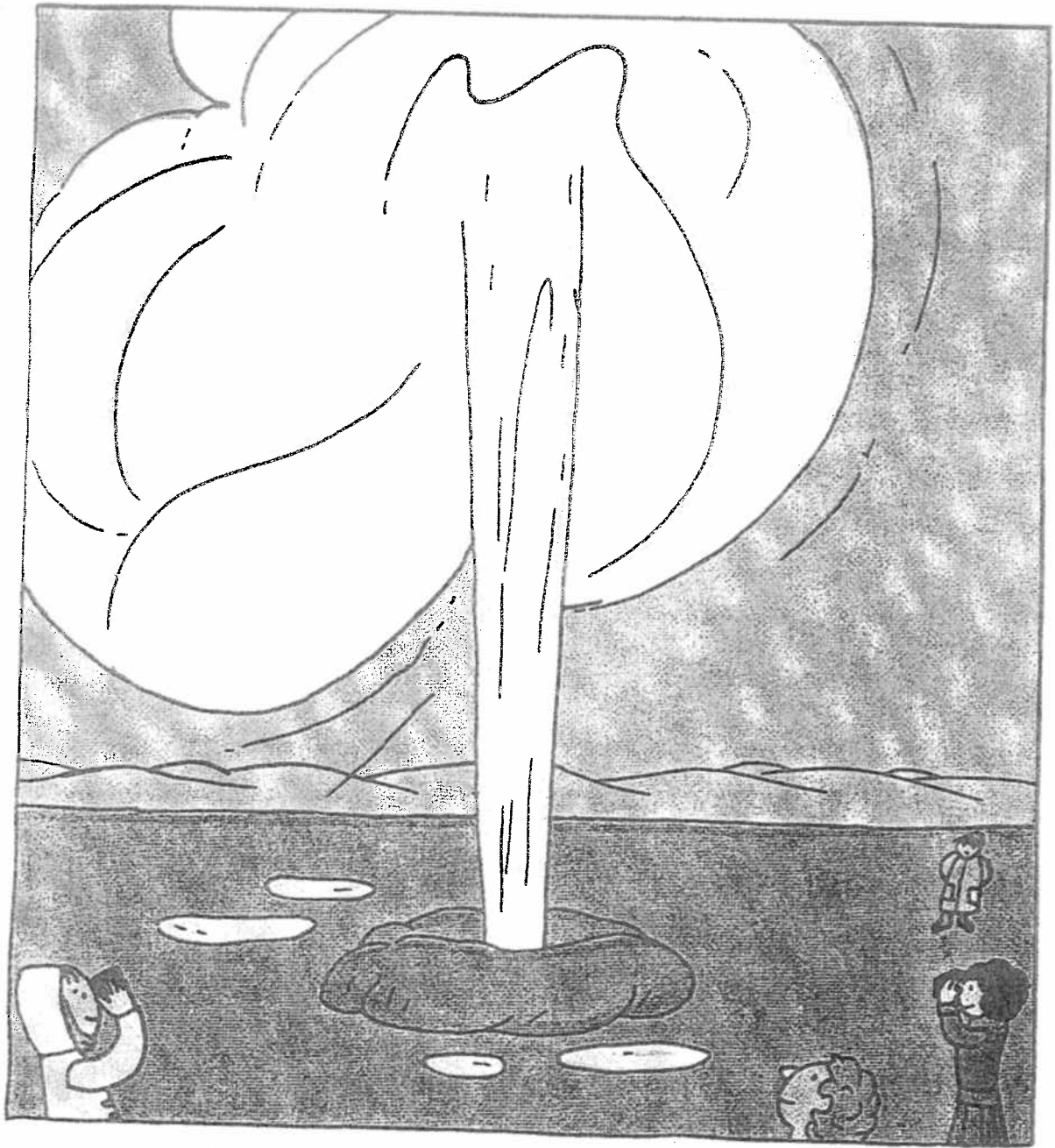


**Ford**—a shallow place in a stream where people and animals can safely wade from one bank to the other.

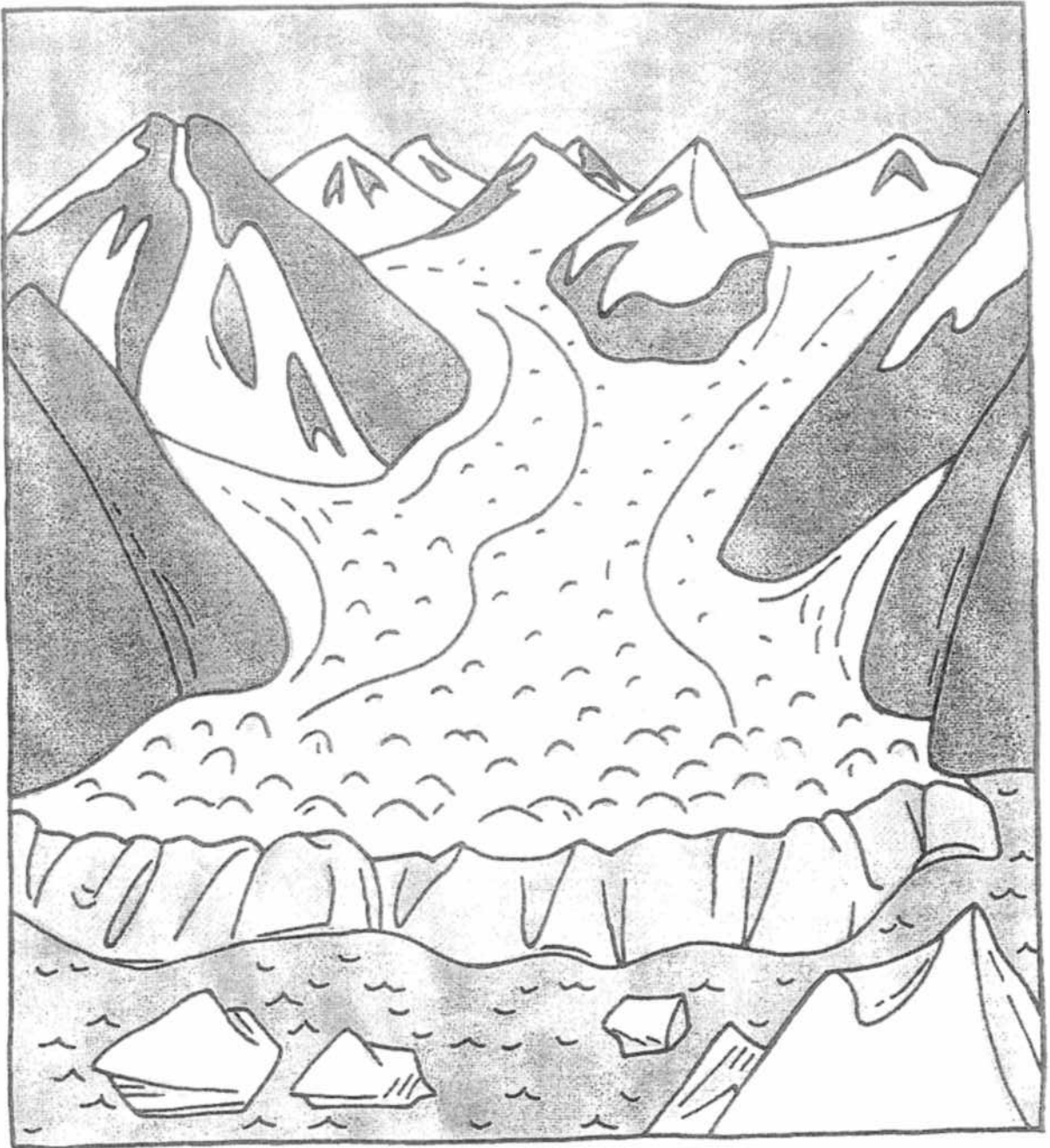


**Forest**—a region thickly covered with trees and abundant underbrush. Forests are also called **woodlands** or **woods**.

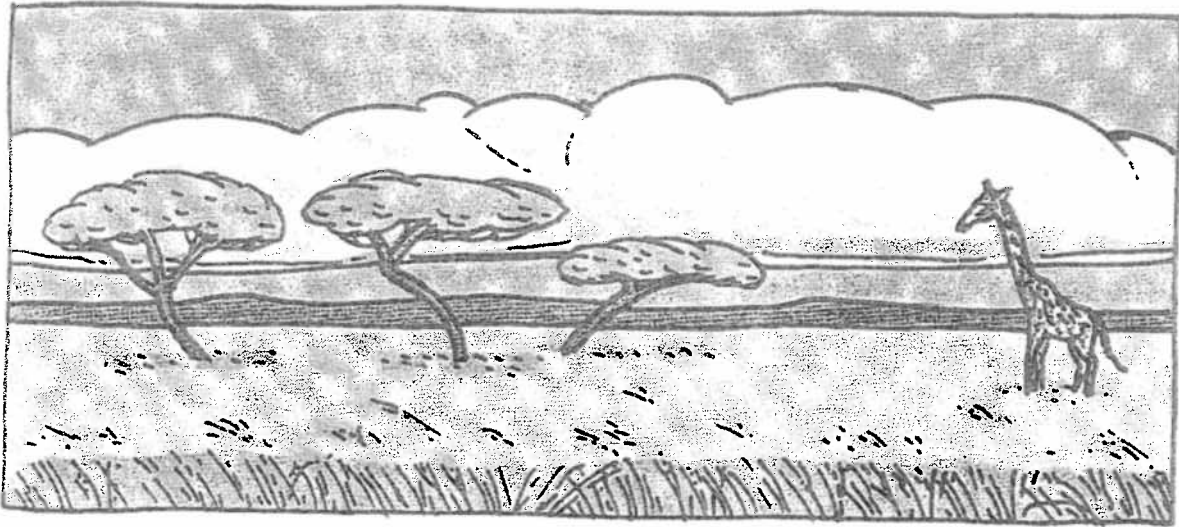




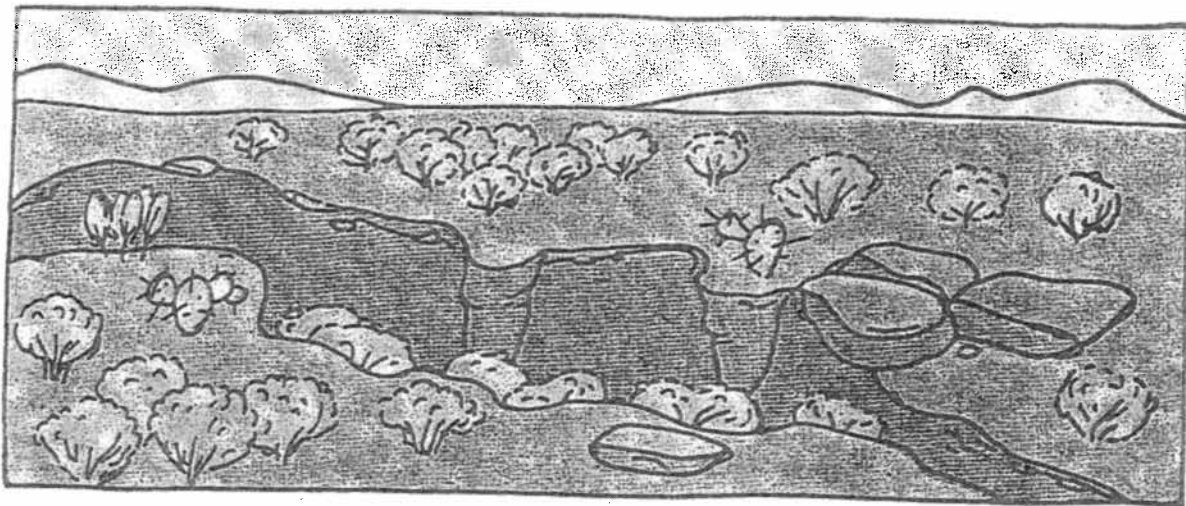
**Geyser**—a naturally hot, or **geothermal**, spring that shoots scalding water and steam high into the air. In the Icelandic language the word *geyser* means “roaring gusher.”



**Glacier**—a great mass of ice slowly sliding down a mountain slope or through a valley. Glaciers are very slowly moving rivers of ice.



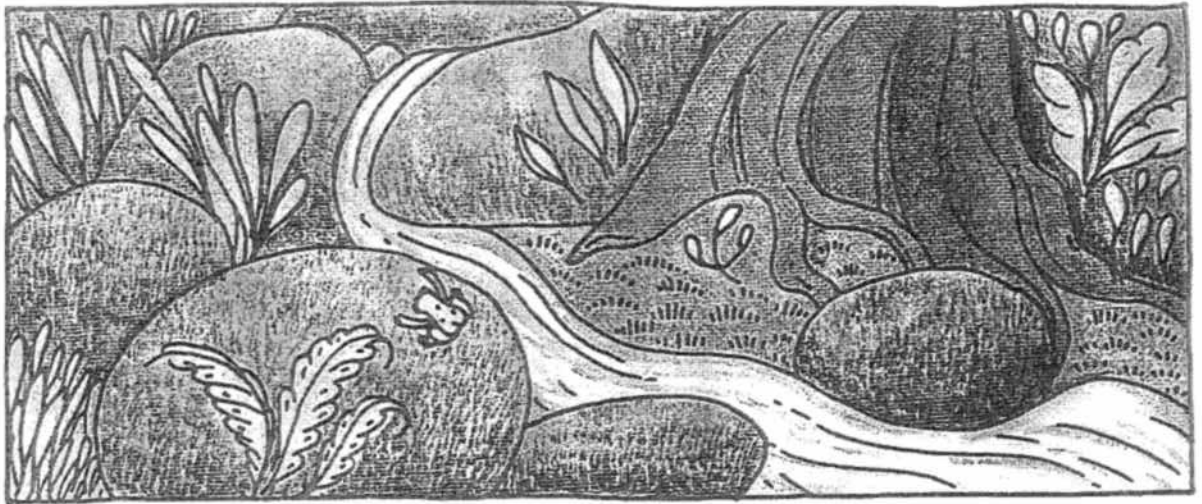
**Grassland**—a vast open plain covered with natural or planted grasses. Tropical grasslands are called **savannas**. In other parts of the world grasslands have various names: **pampas**, **prairies**, **plains**, **veldts**, or **steppes**.



**Gulch**—a small, narrow, rocky ravine. Sometimes a violent mountain stream called a **torrent** races through a gulch. A **gully** is a jagged ditch gouged through dirt or clay by heavy rainstorms.



**Gulf**—a large inlet of ocean or sea that is partially surrounded by land. Gulfs are much bigger and deeper than bays.



**Headwater or Source**—the area where a river originates and begins its journey to the sea. Headwaters are regions rich in rainfall, melting snow, and bubbling springs. **Springs** are openings in the earth where underground water flows to the surface.