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Weathering and Erosion Words

The earth's surface is constantly changing. The processes of weathering and erosion work together to wear away the land and create change. Follow the directions below to understand some weathering and erosion vocabulary words.

Directions: Read each definition. Write a letter from the grid that matches each ordered pair of symbols below the definition. Hint: To find each letter, read the grid across and then up.

1. physical features of the earth's surface that are constantly changing
 (A,B) (T) (B,B) (B,T) (A,A) (B,B) (B,B) (B,B)
2. the weathering process that causes substances that make up the rock to be changed
 (B,T) (B,A) (B,T) (B,B) (B,A) (B,T) (T) (A,B)
3. the process by which weathered particles—such as pebbles, sand, and dust—are carried away and deposited somewhere else by wind, water, ice, or gravity
 (B,T) (B,B) (B,B) (B,B) (B,A) (B,B) (B,B)
4. small particles that have been broken down by the weathering process
 (B,B) (B,T) (B,T) (B,A) (B,B) (B,T) (B,B) (B,B)
5. the process of dropping sediment in a new place
 (B,T) (B,T) (B,B) (B,B) (B,B) (B,A) (B,B) (B,A) (B,B) (B,B)
6. an area of land formed when a river slows down and deposits sediment at its mouth
 (B,T) (B,T) (A,B) (B,B) (T)
7. large masses of slowly moving ice that cause erosion
 (A,A) (A,B) (T) (B,T) (B,A) (B,T) (B,B) (B,B)
8. large mounds of sand formed by wind erosion
 (B,T) (B,B) (B,B) (B,T) (B,B)
9. the weathering process that changes rocks to smaller pieces without changing their composition
 (B,B) (B,A) (B,B) (B,B) (B,A) (B,T) (T) (A,B)
10. the force of gravity moving rock and soil downhill
 (B,B) (T) (B,B) (B,B) (B,B) (B,B) (A,B) (B,T) (B,B) (B,T) (B,B) (B,B)

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▲	F	G	H	I	J
●	K	L	M	N	O
■	P	Q	R	S	T
⊙	U	V	W	X	Y
	+	▲	●	■	⊙

