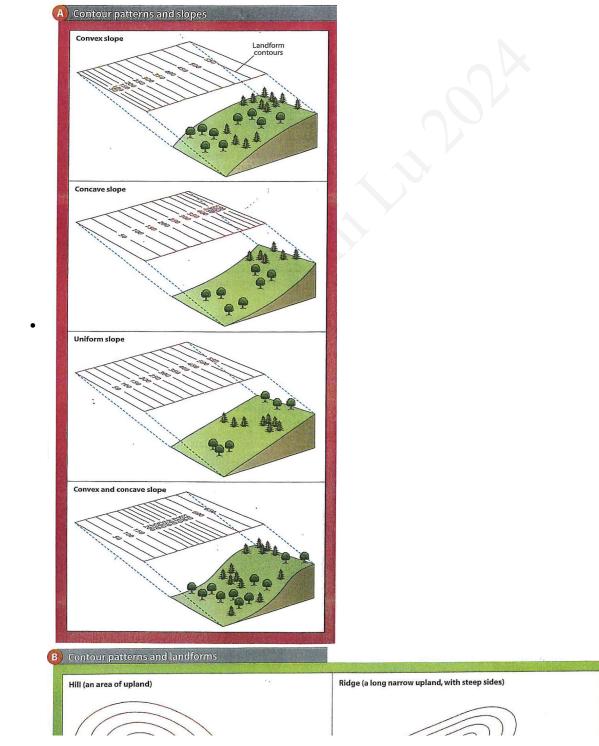
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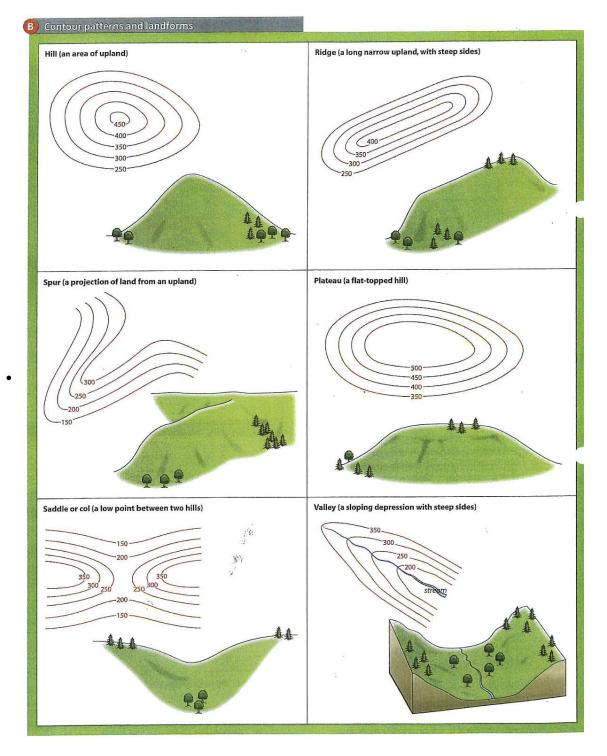
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## **Describing relief**

- Highland or lowland
- Mountains (> 600 700 m) / hills or valley
- Highest, lowest point + 6 figure grid reference / name of peak
- Areas of steep / gentle / flat land
- V shaped valleys
- Direction (aspect) of slope
- Special features
- Shape of slope

#### **Contour patterns**

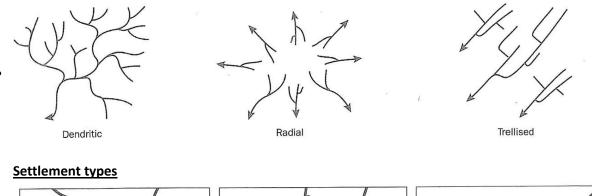


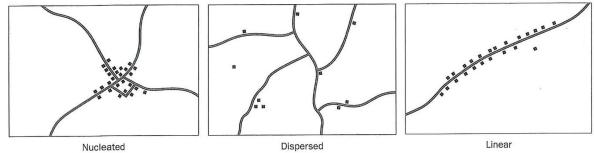


### **Drainage**

- Main river width, small stream?
- Flow direction
- Drainage density (high / low)
- Channel shape + width
- Long profile of rivers
- Course of river straight (probably artificial) / meandering?
- Drainage pattern
- Features e.g. dams, waterfalls, rapids

### Drainage patterns





## Factors to consider for settlement distributions

- Availability of communications
- Accessibility of points such as road junctions and bridging points
- Availability of cultivated land
- Avoiding steep slopes
- Avoiding land which is liable to flooding and may also be affected by pests and disease

### **Railway features**

• Bridging

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- Cutting
- Embankment
- Tunnel