

# Hello, California! Glossary Sheet



**alpine** – relating to a mountainous region

**natural bridge** – an arching rock formation

**vast** – immense, of great proportion

**anemone** – a soft, brightly colored sea creature that looks like a flower

**peninsula** – a piece of land mostly surrounded by water but still attached to the mainland

**vibrant** – bright, vivid colors

**bask** – to soak up sun or enjoy something

**rad** – a slang term meaning very cool, exciting

**whirlwind** – a dizzying rush; moving quickly

**ceremonial** – something relating to a ceremony or tradition

**sea stack** – a tall rock formation that is found near ocean coasts

**conquer** – to overcome, achieve

**contiguous** – sharing a border

**soundscape** – the natural sounds heard in a particular place

**contrast** – strikingly dissimilar, pointedly different

**spectacular** – beautiful, grand, striking

**diverse** – comprised of many different elements or people; a variety

**steep** – sharply angled or inclined

**dramatic** – exciting, impressive

**tectonic plates** – the huge slabs of rock that make up Earth's crust

**faults** – the places where the edges of different tectonic plates meet

**terrain** – a piece of land and its physical features

**fierce** – intense, aggressive, powerful

**topography** – the natural features of land surfaces

**humbling** – causing to feel less proud, especially through awe, admiration, or gratitude

**varied** – displaying plenty of different types; a variety

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