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| **Across**  **1.** a large natural elevation of the earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding level; a large steep hill.: "the village is backed by awe-inspiring mountains" "we set off down the mountain""the ice and snow of a mountain peak".  **8.** the process of eroding or being eroded by wind, water, or other natural agents.: "the problem of soil erosion".  **9.** an area of relatively level high ground  **12.** a very large igneous intrusion extending deep in the earth's crust.  **13.** an unattractive or unsatisfactory feature, especially in a piece of work or in a person's character.: "my worst fault is impatience".  **14.** a trough or fold of stratified rock in which the strata slope upward from the axis  **15.** a ridge-shaped fold of stratified rock in which the strata slope downward from the crest.  **16.** wear away or change the appearance or texture of (something) by long exposure to the air.: "his skin was weathered almost black by his long outdoor life". | **Down**  **2.** the action of intruding.: "he was furious about this intrusion into his private life""unacceptable intrusions of privacy  **3.** an isolated hill with steep sides and a flat top (similar to but narrower than a mesa)  **4.** an isolated flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata.  **5.** a fan-shaped mass of alluvium deposited as the flow of a river decreases in velocity  **6.**  a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are being or have been erupted from the earth's crust.  **7.** a deposit of clay, silt, sand, and gravel left by flowing streams in a river valley or delta, typically producing fertile soi  **10.** the action of compressing or being compressed.  **11.** a raised elongated block of the earth's crust lying between two faults. |

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