

rift valley *(rift-val-ley)*

Definition

n. A large elongated depression with steep walls formed by the downward displacement of a block of the earth's surface between nearly parallel faults or fault systems.

Example Sentence

The Great **Rift Valley** in Africa is one of the most well-known rift valleys in the world.

More Example Sentences

Scientists study rift valleys to understand the processes of plate tectonics.

Synonyms

trough; trench; depression

Antonyms

mountain; ridge; peak

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