

Vocabulary

Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

clay very fine sediment particles

composition the make-up of something; what is in it

dweller an organism that lives in a certain place;
an inhabitant

feldspar the most common mineral on Earth;
made up of silica, aluminum, and other
elements

hydrogenous sediment particles once suspended in the water
that settle to the ocean floor as sediment,
such as manganese nodules and
phosphorite

lava molten, or melted, volcanic rock

manganese nodules rounded lumps of valuable mineral
deposits found on the ocean floor
containing manganese and other
elements; formed from minerals
crystallizing from seawater

ooze mud-like organic remains of animals
and plants; common on the deep-ocean
floor

organic made up of parts of once-living
organisms; contains carbon atoms