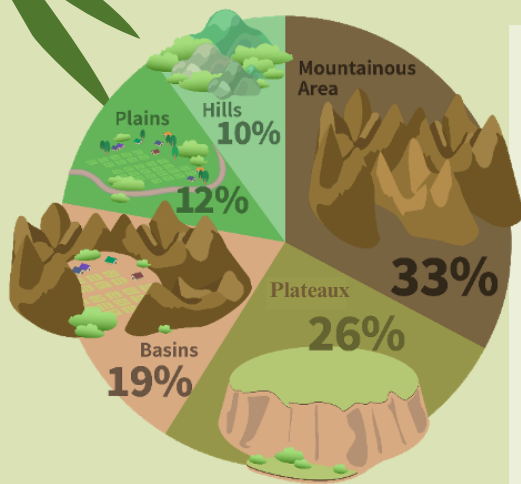


# Our Country's Major Relief

## 1. The topography of our country

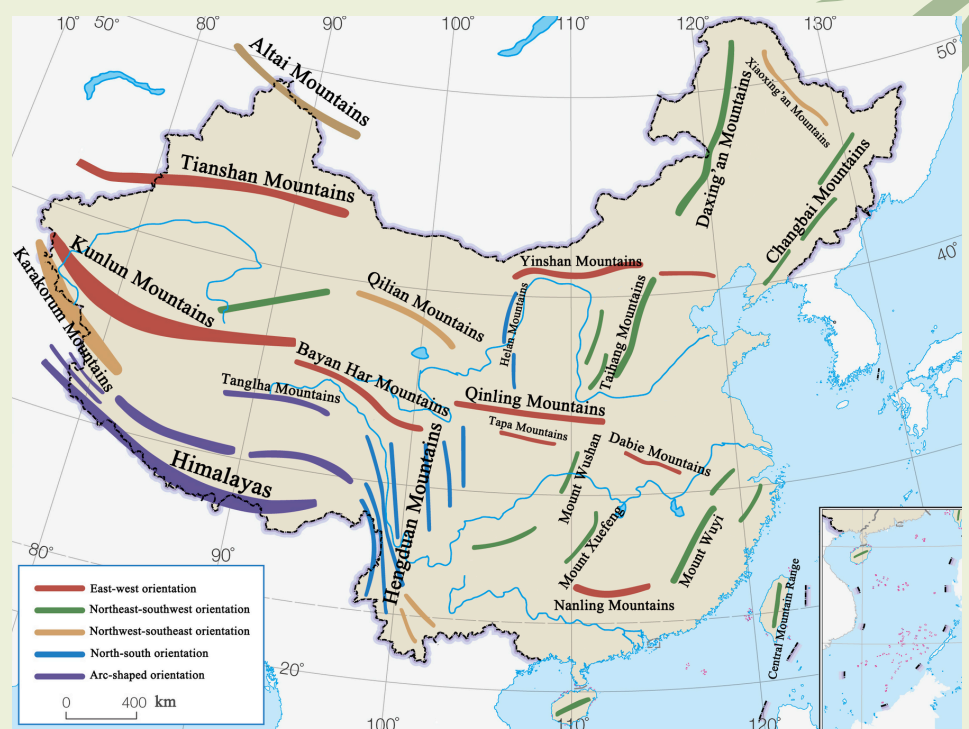


- The mountainous terrain is an important feature of our country's terrain.
- Sloping fields account for about 69% of the country's land area.
- Flat land only accounts for 31% of the country's land area.



- **Plateaux:** high altitude and extensive flat surfaces.
- **Basins:** low-lying land areas typically surrounded by higher terrain.
- **Plains:** low elevation and minimal relief.
- **Mountains:** steep slopes, significant elevation, and a defined peak or summit.

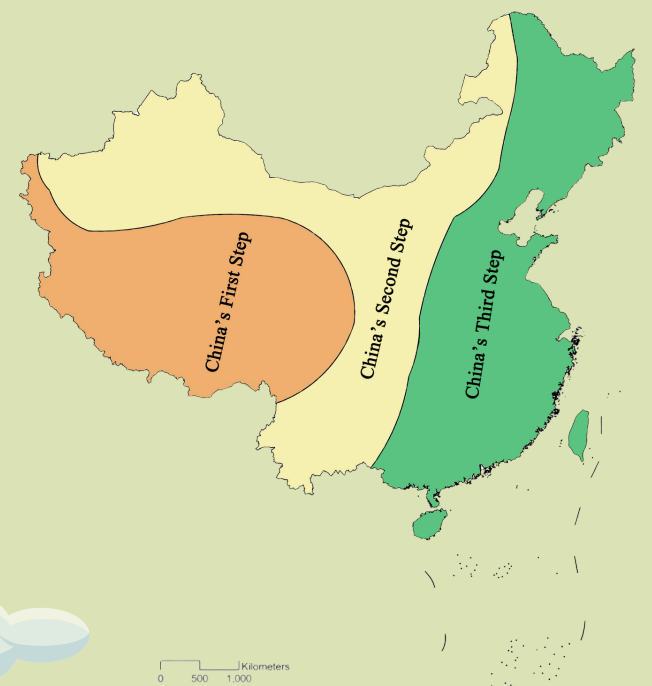
## 2. Mountain ranges



- **East-west orientation:**
  - Tianshan Mountains-Yinshan Mountains
  - Kunlun Mountains-Qinling Mountains
  - Nanling Mountains
- **Northeast-southwest orientation:**
  - Daxing'an Mountains-Taihang Mountains-Mount Wushan-Mount Xuefeng
  - Changbai Mountains-Mount Wuyi
  - Central Mountain Range
- **Northwest-southeast orientation:**
  - Altai Mountains
  - Qilian Mountains
- **North-south orientation:**
  - Hengduan Mountains
  - Helan Mountains
- **Arc-shaped orientation:**
  - Himalayas

## 3. Major landforms in the three-step ladder-like topography

- **First step:**
  - Qinghai-Tibet Plateau
  - Qaidam Basin
- **Second step:**
  - Tarim Basin
  - Junggar Basin
  - Sichuan Basin
  - Inner Mongolian Plateau
  - Loess Plateau
  - Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau
- **Third step:**
  - Northeast Plain
  - North China Plain
  - Middle and Lower Yangtze Valley Plain
  - Southeast Hills
  - Liaodong Hills
  - Shandong Hills



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