

# What is it like at the coast?



## Key Facts

- In the United Kingdom no one lives more than 130KM from the sea.
- Coasts have many different human and physical features such as: beaches, cliffs, harbours and lighthouses.
- The United Kingdom is surrounded by the North Sea, Irish Sea, Celtic Sea and The English Channel, which are all part of the Atlantic Ocean.
- The English Channel is a narrow piece of The Atlantic Ocean that separates England from France.
- Coastlines are constantly changing.

## Key Vocabulary

bay	a place where the coast bends inwards and sea fills the space
beach	area of sand or pebbles that leads to the sea
cliff	a steep rock face often next to the sea
coast	the area where the land and sea meet
groyne	a low wall that sticks out into the sea
harbour	a place where boats can be kept safely
island	a piece of land completely surrounded by the sea
lighthouse	a tower with a bright light that warns ships of danger
rockpool	a pool of water amongst rocks
sea	a large body of salt water
seaside resort	a town or place where people can holiday near the sea
shingle	small stones by the edge of the sea
tide	the rise and fall of the sea