

# Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!

## What I should already know:

- The name of all four countries in the UK and their capital cities.
- The coast is where the land meets the sea. The United Kingdom is an island so it is surrounded by water.
- There are many different types of coasts. Some coasts have a rocky shore.
- The beaches we usually go to have a sandy shore. Coastlines are not fixed. They are constantly moving due to erosion and by changing sea levels.



Dune



Rock pool



Pier



Cliff

## Key Vocabulary

bay	a part of the coast where the land curves in so that the sea is surrounded by land on three sides
beach	an area of sand or small stones near the sea
cliff	a steep rock face, especially at the edge of the sea
coast	the part of land joining the sea
dune	a hill of sand near a beach or in a desert
man-made	made or caused by human beings e.g. cities, roads, bridges
natural	part of land not made by people e.g. plants, soil, sea
pier	a platform on pillars projecting from the shore into the sea, typically incorporating entertainment arcades and places to eat
promenade	a paved public walk, typically one along the seafront at a resort
rock pool	a pool of water among rocks, typically along a shoreline
seaside	a place by the sea, especially a beach area or a holiday resort

## Key facts.

- Around three quarters of the earth surface is covered by oceans.
- The largest ocean on earth is the Pacific Ocean – it covers around one third of the earth.
- Beaches are landforms along the shoreline of water bodies such as an ocean, sea, lake or river.
- They are made up of loose rock particles of materials such as sand, gravel, shingle, pebbles, cobblestones or shells.
- Beaches can come in many different colours: white, grey, gold-yellow, brown, red, black.
- Beaches became popular as tourist attractions during the 18th century  
The longest beach in the world is in Brazil – it is 132 miles long (same distance as from Luton to Manchester)
- Popular seaside resorts in Britain: Margate, Brighton, Bournemouth, Whitby, Woolacombe, Salcombe, St Ives, Torquay, Skegness, Tenby.

## Natural or man made?

At the seaside, there are things that are made by people (man-made) and things that were created by God (natural). We refer to these as:

### Natural

Sand dunes  
Beach  
Cliff

### Man made

Pier  
Lighthouse  
Fairground

