

Project glossary

arch

An opening that forms when the rock of a headland is worn away by the sea.

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atlas

A book of maps that show the geographical features of an area.

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bay

A part of the coastline where the land curves around on each side.

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beach

An area of sand or pebbles that stretches along the coastline.

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cardinal point

One of the four main points of the compass, such as north, east, south or west.

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cave

A large hole in the side of a cliff that forms when waves wash away the rock.

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cliff

A high area of rock with steep sides.

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coastguard

An organisation that watches the sea around the coast and helps any people or ships in danger.

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coastline

The place where the land meets the sea or ocean.

compass

An instrument used for showing the direction.

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erosion

A natural process where rock, sand and soil are moved from one place to another.

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harbour

An area of the sea on the coast that is protected by strong walls, where ships can shelter.

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headland

A piece of land that sticks out into the sea.

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human feature

A feature made by humans, such as a sea wall or lifeboat station.

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key

A list of the symbols used on a map with a description of what they mean.

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lifeboat

A large boat that is ready to take out to sea to rescue people who are in danger.

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lighthouse

A tall tower with a light on top to warn ships to stay away from dangerous areas of coastline.

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map

A picture or drawing of an area that shows human and physical features.

ocean

A large area of salty water that covers part of the Earth's surface, larger than a sea.

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physical feature

A feature that is formed naturally, such as a cliff or beach.

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pier

A long walkway built out into the sea.

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route

A set of directions that can be used to get from one place to another.

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sea

An area of salty water that covers part of the Earth's surface, smaller than an ocean.

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sea wall

A wall built to protect the cliffs and coastline from erosion.

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stack

The column that is left standing on its own in the sea when an arch collapses.

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symbol

A picture that represents a physical or human feature on a map.