

17/ By the sea

Words you need...

17.1



- ▶ **coastal** being next to the sea
- ▶ **a resort** a place where a lot of people go for a holiday

- ▶ **the seaside** a place which is next to the sea
- ▶ **the shore** the area of land that is by the sea



Exercise 1

Match the pictures (a–j) above with the definitions (1–8).

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| 1 This area of high land has a very steep side. It is next to the sea. <u>b</u> | 5 People leave their boats here. It's an area of sea next to the land. _____ |
| 2 This is the way the sky looks in the morning when the sun comes up. _____ | 6 You can surf on this high line of water as it moves. _____ |
| 3 You can explore this large hole under the ground or in the side of a hill or cliff. _____ | 7 This is the way the sky looks in the evening when the sun goes down. _____ |
| 4 This is a small area of water. _____ | 8 You find this on the beach. It is the hard outer part of some sea creatures. _____ |

Exercise 2

Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

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| 1 It's a coastal | a the south coast. |
| 2 It was dark inside | b seaside. |
| 3 When it gets dark, you can see the lights shining | c shells. |
| 4 It's a little town on | d across the bay. |
| 5 We went for a walk along the shore, looking for | e town in the south of the country. |
| 6 We're planning to spend a few days at the | f the cave. |

Putting words together...

17.2

- ▶ When **the tide comes in**, the sea comes higher up the beach and when **the tide goes out**, the sea flows away from the beach.
- ▶ **High tide** is when the sea has come to the highest point up the beach and **low tide** is when it has reached the furthest point away from the beach.
- ▶ A **stretch of coast** is a long area of land next to the sea that continues without stopping.

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences.

- 1 When the tide comes in, the water covers nearly all of the beach.
- 2 I was admiring the _____ from my balcony at five o'clock this morning – the sky was all pink and orange.
- 3 At high _____, you can't see any sand at all on the beach.
- 4 There are many harbours along this _____ of coast.
- 5 In the evening the tide goes out, leaving all these _____ with little fish in them.

Exercise 4

Use the words from the box to complete the description of a seaside town. Listen and check.

resort coast caves harbour bay pools cliff sunset

Every summer Mallorca attracts large numbers of sun lovers, but the island is so much more than just a beach ¹ resort. No visit is complete without seeing the famous 'Dragon' ² _____ in Porto Cristo over on the east ³ _____, which has one of the largest underground lakes in the world. The town of Porto Cristo is also a pretty ⁴ _____ where you can sit in a café and watch the boats. On the west side of the island is the lovely Cala Deia ⁵ _____, with rocky ⁶ _____ big enough to swim in. From there it's a short walk up on the ⁷ _____ to a simple seafood restaurant with wonderful views over the sea at ⁸ _____.

Exercise 5

Use the words from the box to complete Grace's email to her family. Listen and check.

seaside low shore sunrise coastal waves

Will and I have come to Cornwall for the weekend as we decided we wanted to spend some time at the ¹ seaside. There's a lovely sandy beach just next to our hotel in Daymer Bay and at ² _____ tide you can walk along the ³ _____ to the little town of Rock and its famous bakery! That's what we did this morning – got up early to enjoy the light at ⁴ _____. (I'll post photos.) This afternoon we're going to walk along the ⁵ _____ path up on the cliffs, then tomorrow we're going to Polzeath where the ⁶ _____ are really big and great for surfing.



Use the words you've learned...

Talk about an area of the coast that you know.