

beach

1. [bi:tʃ] *n*
 - 1) отлогий морской берег, взморье; пляж; берег озера или большой реки
 - 2) приливная полоса берега
beach gravel - береговой галечник
 - 3) береговой вал
2. **воен.** пункт высадки (морского) десанта
beach combat - бой за морской плацдарм
to open a beach - занимать плацдарм на берегу
◇ on the beach - а) **мор.** на берегу; б) без работы, без денег, «на мели»
beach mariner - а) «бич», моряк, списанный с судна; б) **шутл.** сухопутный моряк

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beach [beach beaches beached beaching] *noun, verb* BrE [bi:tʃ] NAmE

[bi:tʃ] *noun*

an area of sand or small stones (called ↑shingle), beside the sea or a lake

- tourists sunbathing on the beach
- a **sandy/pebble/shingle beach**
- a beach bar



Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (denoting shingle on the seashore): perhaps related to Old English bæce, bece 'brook' (an element that survives in place names such as Wis bech and Sand bach), assuming an intermediate sense 'pebbly river valley'.

Culture:

seaside and beach

In the 18th century British people started going to the **seaside** for pleasure and for their health. Seaside towns such as ↑Brighton, ↑Lyme Regis and ↑Scarborough became fashionable with the upper class. **Bathing** in the sea became popular and ↑bathing machines were invented for people to get changed in. Later, towns like ↑Blackpool, Clacton-on-Sea and Margate, which were close to industrial areas or to London, developed into large **seaside resorts** to which workers went for a day out or for their holiday. Long ↑piers were built stretching out to sea and soon had a wide range of amusements built on them. **Promenades** were built along the shore for people to walk along. Rows of **beach huts** and **chalets** (= buildings where people could get changed or sit and have tea) took the place of bathing machines, and **deckchairs** were for hire on the beach. There were ice-cream sellers, ↑whelk stalls, stalls selling **buckets** and **spades** for children to build sandcastles, and the occasional ↑Punch and Judy show. In the early 1900s it became popular to send seaside postcards to friends. Children bought seaside **rock**, a long sugary sweet with the name of the place printed through it.

Most British people like to go to the sea for a day out or for a weekend. Resorts like Blackpool are still popular, but others are run-down and rather quiet. British people now prefer to go on holiday to **beach resorts** in Spain, Greece or the ↑Caribbean because the weather is more likely to be sunny and warm.

Americans talk of going to the **ocean** or the **beach**, rather than the seaside. Some places, especially on the East coast, have very popular beaches and people travel long distances to go there. ↑Florida is especially popular and at **spring break** (= a holiday in the spring for high school and college students) it is full of students.

Beach activities include swimming, **surfing** and **windsurfing**, also called sailboarding. Many people go to the beach but never go into the water. They spend their time playing games like **volleyball** (= hitting a large ball backwards and forwards over a net) and **Frisbee** (= throwing a flat plastic disc). Other people go to the beach to get a **tan** and spend all their time **sunbathing**. Many people worry about getting **skin cancer** if they get burnt by the sun and so put on **sun cream** or **sun block** to protect their skin. A day at the beach often also involves a picnic meal or, especially in the US, a **barbecue** (= meat cooked over an open fire).

Thesaurus:

beach *noun* C

• They were sunbathing on the beach.

seashore • **sand** • **shoreline** • **lakeside** • **shore** • **coast** • **coastline** • |especially BrE **seaside** • **sea** • |AmE **ocean** • **on the beach/seashore/sand/shoreline/lakeside/shore/coast/coastline** **at the beach/seashore/coast/seaside**

by the seashore/lakeside/shore/coast/seaside/sea/ocean

go to the beach/seashore/coast/seaside/sea/ocean

Beach or seashore? **Beach** is usually used about a sandy area next to the sea, where people lie in the sun or play. **Seashore** is used more to talk about the area by the sea where people walk for pleasure

- He liked to look for shells on the seashore.

Synonyms:

coast

beach • seaside • coastline • sand • seashore

These are all words for the land beside or near to the sea, a river or a lake.

coast • the land beside or near to the sea or ocean: ▫ a town on the south coast of England ◊ ▫ The coast road is closed due to bad weather.

It is nearly always **the coast**, except when it is uncountable: ▫ That's a pretty stretch of coast.

beach • an area of sand, or small stones, beside the sea or a lake: ▫ She took the kids to the beach for the day. ◊ ▫ sandy beaches

seaside • (*especially BrE*) an area that is by the sea, especially one where people go for a day or a holiday: ▫ a trip to the seaside
It is always **the seaside**, except when it is used before a noun: ▫ a seaside resort . **The seaside** is British English; in American English **seaside** is only used before a noun.

coastline • the land along a coast, especially when you are thinking of its shape or appearance: ▫ California's rugged coastline

sand • a large area of sand on a beach: ▫ We went for a walk along the sand. ◊ ▫ a resort with miles of golden sands

the seashore • the land along the edge of the sea or ocean, usually where there is sand and rocks: ▫ He liked to look for shells on the seashore.

beach or seashore?

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along the coast/beach/coastline/seashore

on the coast/beach/coastline/sands/seashore

at the coast/beach/seaside/seashore

by the coast/seaside/seashore

a(n) **rocky/unspoiled** coast/beach/coastline

to **go to** the coast/beach/seaside/seashore

Example Bank:

- He walked along the beach.
- She lay on the beach and read her book.
- The island group has over 230 miles of pristine tropical beaches.
- They met at the beach.
- They sat on a grassy hill overlooking the beach.
- a beautiful golden beach stretching for miles
- She met him in a beach bar.
- She took the kids to the beach for the day.
- There are miles of beautiful sandy beaches.
- To the south is West Bay, a small port with a shingle beach.
- We could see tourists sunbathing on the beach.

verb transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)

to come or bring sth out of the water and onto the **beach**

- He beached the boat and lifted the boy onto the shore.
- a beached whale (= one that has become stuck on land and cannot get back into the water)

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	beach
	BrE /bi:tʃ/
	NAmE /bi:tʃ/
he / she / it	beaches
	BrE /bi:tʃɪz/
	NAmE /bi:tʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	beached
	BrE /bi:tʃt/
	NAmE /bi:tʃt/
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	BrE /bi:tʃɪŋ/
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beach**I. beach**¹ **S2 W2** /bi:tʃ/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from Old English bæce 'small stream']

an area of sand or small stones at the edge of the sea or a lake:

- a sandy beach
- surfers on the beach

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning)**ADJECTIVES/NOUN + beach**

- **crowded** In the summer the beaches get very crowded.
- **quiet** (=with few people on it) The beaches on this side of the island are quieter.
- **deserted/empty** (=with no one on it) We took a boat to a deserted beach.
- **a sandy beach** Corfu is known for its sandy beaches.
- **a shingle/pebble/pebbly beach** (=covered with very small stones) Both resorts have small shingle beaches.
- **a rocky beach** (=with large rocks on it) They anchored the boat off a rocky beach.
- **a long beach** All around the coast of Lanzarote are long beaches of golden sand.
- **a white/golden beach** The house was beside a dazzling white beach.
- **a private beach** (=owned by someone, so you need permission to use it) The hotel has its own private beach.
- **a public beach** (=for everyone to use) The public beaches were very dirty.

verbs

- **lie on the beach** I find it boring just lying on the beach all day.
- **go to the beach** They've gone to the beach for the weekend.
- **walk on/along the beach** She loved to walk along the beach in the early morning.

beach + NOUN

- **a beach holiday** *British English* (=a holiday spent mainly at the beach) She loves beach holidays, while he prefers city breaks.
- **a beach resort** This is one of the most popular beach resorts in Greece.
- **a beach hut** (=a small building on the beach for storing things such as swimming or sports equipment) a row of brightly painted beach huts
- **a beach bar/restaurant** (=on the beach) We watched the sun go down from the beach bar.
- **a beach towel** They spread out beach towels and opened parasols.
- **beach volleyball/football** (=played on the beach) Who wants a game of beach volleyball?

II. beach² **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **verb** [transitive]

1. to pull a boat onto the shore away from the water
2. if a ↑**whale** beaches itself or is beached, it swims onto the shore and cannot get back in the water

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