

# Geography Terminology

# bay

inlet of the sea, larger than a cove but smaller than a gulf, sometimes surrounded by hills

# beach

a strip of land  
sloping gently  
towards the sea

# canal

an artificial waterway,  
usually connecting  
existing rivers, lakes or  
oceans

**cliff**

**a steep rockface  
between land and  
sea**

# COVE

a small recess in the  
shoreline of a sea,  
lake or river

# dune

a mound or ridge of  
drifted sand, occurring  
on the sea coast and in  
deserts

# estuary

the part of the mouth  
of the river where the  
river's current meets  
the sea's tide



# *gulf*

*a portion of an ocean  
or sea, partly enclosed  
by land, larger than a  
bay*

# headland

a piece of land jutting  
out into the sea,  
sometimes called a  
point

**island**

**a piece of land  
completely surrounded  
by water**

# lake

a body of water,  
usually surrounded by  
land, sometimes called  
a lough

# lower reaches

the part of a river  
which is nearest to  
the sea

peninsula

a piece of land  
surrounded on three  
sides by water

# port

a harbour or town with  
a harbour, sometimes  
where ships load and  
unload

# river

a large natural stream  
of fresh water, which  
usually flows into the  
sea



**river's course**

the route taken by a  
river from its source  
to the sea

**river mouth**

**where a river flows  
into the sea**

# shoreline

the place where the  
shore and the sea  
meet

# source

the place where a  
river or stream  
rises/starts

# tides

the alternate rise and  
fall of the surface of  
the sea, usually  
occurring twice daily

# tributary

A small river which  
flows into a larger  
river

# Upper reaches

the part of a river  
which is farthest  
away from the sea

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