

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?

Beach is usually used to talk about a sandy area next to the sea where people lie in the sun or play, for example when they are on holiday/vacation. **Seashore** is used more to talk about the area by the sea in terms of things such as waves, sea shells, rocks, etc, especially where people walk for pleasure.

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:

- The children played happily in the sand.
- The sand was flying everywhere.
- We found her asleep on the sand.
- a beach of fine golden sand
- the burning desert sands
- There were a few children playing on the sand.
- With its miles of golden sands, this resort is heaven on earth.

verb ~ sth (down)

to make sth smooth by rubbing it with ↑sandpaper or using a ↑sander

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	sand
	BrE /sænd/
	NAmE /sænd/
he / she /it	sands
	BrE /sændz/
	NAmE /sændz/
past simple, past participle	sanded
	BrE /sændɪd/
	NAmE /sændɪd/
-ing form	sanding
	BrE /sændɪŋ/
	NAmE /sændɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zand** and German **Sand**.

sand

I. **sand**¹ **S3 W3** /sænd/ **BrE**^ˈ **AmE**^ˈ **noun**

[Language: Old English]



1. **[uncountable]** a substance consisting of very small pieces of rocks and minerals, that forms beaches and deserts:
 - " a mixture of sand and cement
 - " I have sand in my shoe.
2. **[uncountable and countable]** an area of beach:
 - " miles of golden sands
 - " We were just sitting on the sand.
3. **the sands of time** *literary* moments of time that pass quickly

THESAURUS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

- **sand** a substance that forms beaches and deserts, or an area of this substance: sunbathers lying on the sand | He could see several small figures out on the sands.
- **beach** an area of sand or small stones at the edge of the sea or a lake: the island's golden beaches | How about a day at the beach? | a pebble beach
- **desert** a large area of land where it is always very hot and dry, and there is a lot of sand: the Sahara desert | They crossed the desert by camel.
- **dune/sand dune** a hill made of sand near the sea or in the desert: We went for a long walk along the dunes. | The dunes are home to a wide variety of birds and plants.

II. **sand**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ (also **sand down**) *verb* [intransitive and transitive]
to make a surface smooth by rubbing it with ↑sandpaper or using a special piece of equipment

sand

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