

**cliff**[klɪf] *n*

- утёс, отвесная скала  
the white cliffs of Dover - белые скалы Дувра
- крутой обрыв

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**cliff** [ˈklɪf klɪfs] *BrE* [ˈklɪf] *AmE* [ˈklɪf] *noun*

a high area of rock with a very steep side, often at the edge of the sea or ocean

- the **cliff edge/top**
- the chalk cliffs of southern England
- a castle perched high on the cliffs above the river
- We set off along the cliff path.

Word Origin:Old English *clif*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *klif*.Example Bank:

- Steep cliffs towered above the river.
- The cliffs fall away to the north.
- The hotel was perched high on a cliff overlooking the ocean.
- a long line of cliffs surrounding the bay
- crumbling cliffs

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**cliff** /ˈklɪf/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][Language: Old English; Origin: *clif*]

a large area of rock or a mountain with a very steep side, often at the edge of the sea or a river

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **adjectives**

- high/low** The cliffs here are the highest in Britain.
- steep** (=sloping at a high angle) The cliffs were steep and dangerous.
- a sheer/vertical cliff** (=straight up and down rather than sloping) Sheer cliffs defend the island.
- a sea cliff** The birds breed mainly on sea cliffs and in sea caves.
- a coastal cliff** Here the coastal cliffs are low, jutting out into the sea.
- a rocky cliff** The forest stops where a rocky cliff falls to a saltwater lagoon.
- a craggy/jagged cliff** (=with a lot of sharp rocks) This is an area of spectacular gorges and jagged cliffs.
- a rugged cliff** (=rough and uneven) Huge Atlantic waves were breaking against the rugged cliffs.
- a towering cliff** (=very high) the towering cliffs of Gibraltar
- chalk/limestone/granite cliffs** White chalk cliffs rose up from the sea.

■ **cliff + NOUN**

- a cliff face** (=a steep surface or side of a cliff) Some climbers were scrambling up the steep cliff face.
- a cliff edge** Keep away from the cliff edge.
- a cliff top** There was a lovely view from the cliff top.
- a cliff ledge** (=a flat narrow piece that sticks out from a cliff) Some of the goats were even grazing on the cliff ledges.
- a cliff path** I followed the cliff path down to the bay.
- a cliff walk** (=a walk along cliffs) Shall we do the cliff walk this morning?

■ **phrases**

- be perched (high) on a cliff** (=be situated on a cliff) An 11th century castle is perched high on the cliff.

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**THESAURUS**

- mountain** a very high hill: the highest mountain in Austria
- hill** an area of land that is higher than the land around it, which is like a mountain but smaller and usually has a rounded top: We went for a walk in the hills. | The house is surrounded by woods, farmland and gentle hills.
- Mount** (also **Mt** *written abbreviation*) used in the names of mountains. Don't say 'Fuji Mountain' – say '**Mount Fuji**': Mount Everest
- cliff** the steep side of an area of land, often next to the sea: the white cliffs of Dover
- precipice** *especially literary* a very steep and dangerous cliff: They were standing on the edge of a precipice.
- crag** a high steep rock or mountain: An eagle sailed over the high crags.
- ridge** a long narrow area of high ground, especially at the top of a mountain: I could see a group of climbers high up on a ridge.

- **knoll** a small round hill: a grassy knoll
- **volcano** a mountain with a large hole at the top, through which ↑*lava* (=hot liquid rock) is sometimes forced out: the eruption of a volcano
- **summit** the very highest point of a mountain: the summit of Mt Everest
- **peak** *especially literary* the top of a mountain: the snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas | a distant peak
- **range/chain** a group of mountains or hills arranged in a line: the mountain range that is part of the border between Norway and Sweden
- **foothills** a group of smaller hills below a range of high mountains: the Sierra foothills

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