

## pen·in·sula [peninsula peninsulas] BrE [pə'nınsjələ]

noun an area of land that is almost surrounded by water but is joined to a larger piece of land

• the Iberian peninsula (= Spain and Portugal)

## Word Origin:

mid 16th cent.: from Latin paeninsula, from paene 'almost' + insula 'island'.

# peninsula

noun [countable] pe nin sula /pə'nınsjələ, pı'nınsjələ \$ -sələ/ BrE AmE \*

[Date: 1500-1600, Language: Latin; Origin: paeninsula, from paene 'almost' + insula 'island']

a piece of land almost completely surrounded by water but joined to a large area of land: the Korean peninsula

-peninsular adjective

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• island a piece of land completely surrounded by water: We visited the Greek island of Kos. | In the centre of a lake is a small island.

NAmE [pə'nınsələ]

• isle an island - used in poetry or in names of islands: The horse carried him to the windswept isle of Bujan. | It is the most southerly point in the British Isles. | the Windward Isles | the Isle of Wight

• peninsula a piece of land almost completely surrounded by water but joined to a large area of land: There is a coastal path around the peninsula. | the Korean peninsula

archipelago a group of small islands that are in a line: He lives on an island at the eastern end of the Indonesian archipelago.

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