

Brilliant Beaches

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom, or UK, is a union of four countries. These are England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The UK is surrounded by four seas and oceans. These are the Atlantic Ocean, English Channel, Irish Sea and North Sea.



Erosion



Erosion is a natural process where materials, such as rock, sand and soil, are moved from one place to another. As waves crash against the coastline, they break off, or erode, tiny pieces of rock. Over time the coastline is worn away.

RNLI

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, or RNLI, is a charity that saves lives at sea. There are 238 RNLI lifeboat stations around the UK coastline. Each station has boats and special equipment that the crew use to help people in trouble in the water. Over 8000 people are helped by RNLI volunteers every year.



Coastal features



There are many features of the UK coastline.

Physical features

Physical features are naturally formed. Humans haven't made them. Rain, wind and the sea can change physical features over time.



Human features

Human features are those that have been made by humans. There are many human features on the coastline such as shops, roads and piers.



Dangers at the coast



The coastline can be a dangerous place. It is important to stay safe and know what to do in an emergency.



Look for warning signs, follow advice and do not take risks.



Never go near water alone. Make sure an adult is with you.



Do not use inflatable toys or airbeds in the sea when a wind sock is blowing.

Maps

Maps are used to help people find their way from one place to another or find out where different places are. Physical and human features are marked on a map with symbols.

