

Building Words: Oceans

coast

The place where an ocean meets the land. A beach is part of a coast, but the coast is much bigger. It includes the water and land that are around the beach.

wave

Water that curves upward and then falls down. Oceans have waves that can move very fast. Some large lakes have waves too.

tide

At the ocean, the water sometimes moves up higher on the beach. Then, it is called *high tide*. When the tide goes back down again, it is called *low tide*. The moon and sun and earth together cause the changes in the tides.

tide pool

A small pool left behind when a high tide goes back down the beach. Many times, small sea animals get left behind in the pools. If you're on the beach, you can see them easily, because the pools are usually clear and not too deep.

crab

A small animal that lives in the sand along the beach. There are many kinds of crabs, but they all have a

kelp

One kind of brown seaweed that has long stems with round spongy sections on them. Sometimes it grows to be very long and thick, like a heavy carpet. Sometimes, it is so thick that boats can't get through it.

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seagull

One kind of sea bird, usually gray, brown, or white. It flies near the water, searching for fish, and makes a loud, squawking noise.

pelican

A bird that likes to be around the coast. It has a sad face and a very long, deep bill. The bill is like a huge pocket for holding the pelican's dinner--lots of fish.