Investigating Coasts

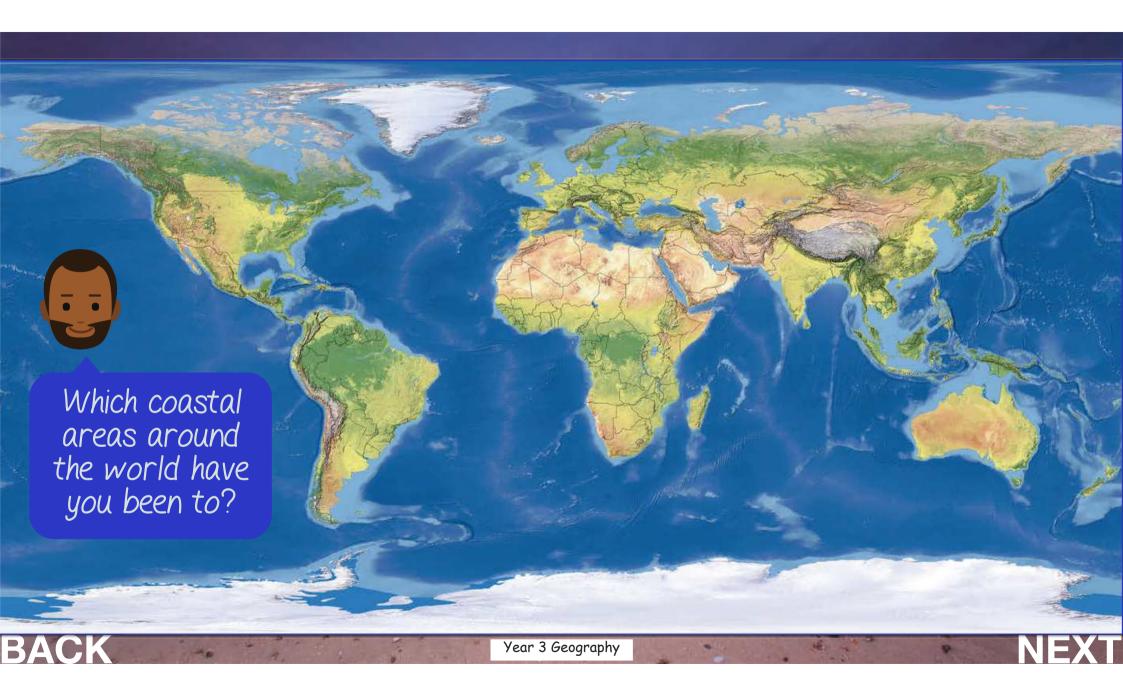
<u>Learning Objective:</u> To find out what coasts are and how they are formed.

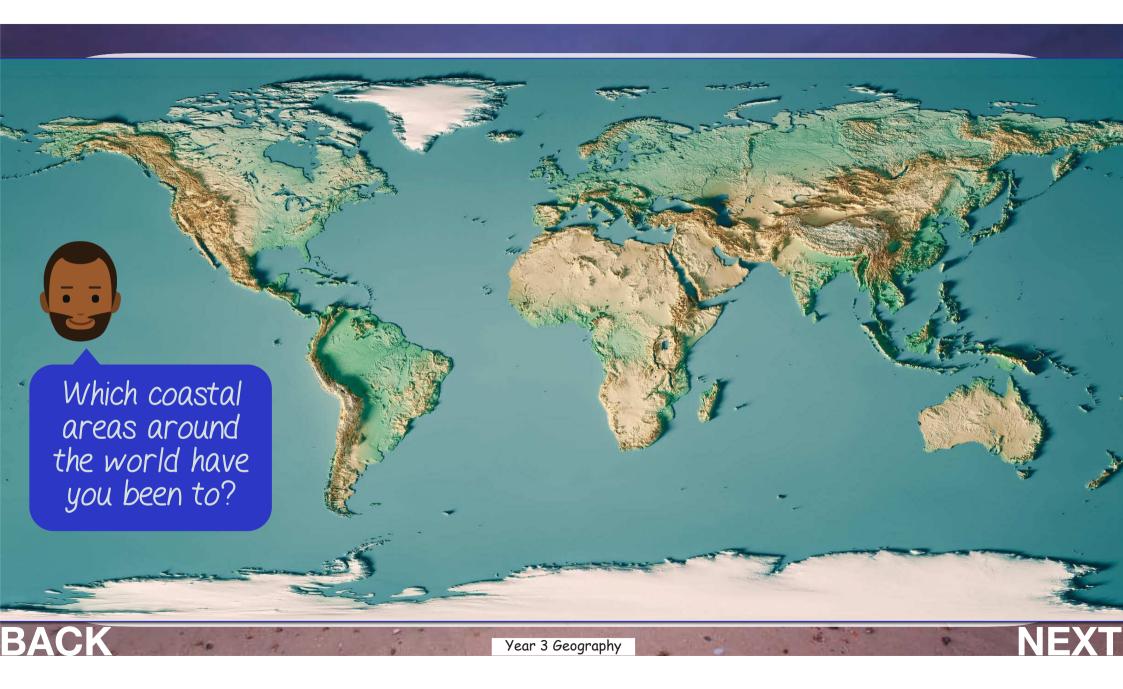
What is a coast?

Think of a definition then discuss your ideas.









Coastal areas are constantly changing. All coastal areas are different.



Some areas are worn away by waves and weather conditions. These are called <u>erosion landforms</u>.



Some areas are built up by materials brought in by the sea. These are called <u>depositional landforms</u>.

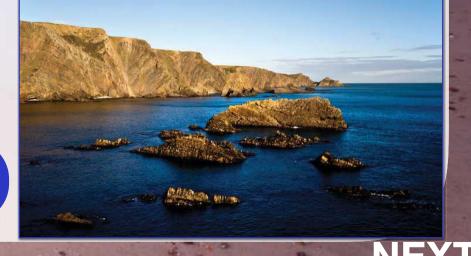
Erosion landforms, such as cliffs and headlands, are created when the waves wear away the rock and when weather conditions weaken the rock and break it down. The type of erosion landform created depends on the type of rock

Why do you think this is?

Cliffs of Flamborough, East Riding of Yorkshire



Cliffs of Hartland Point, Devon



Different types of rocks create different cliffs.

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Caves and a wave cut platform in the chalk cliffs of Flamborough



Layers of grey shale and sandstone in the sloping cliffs of Hartland Point





Luskentyre Beach, Isle of Harris

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Holywell Bay, Cornwall



Perranporth Beach, Cornwall

Depositional landforms, like beaches and dunes, are created when the sea deposits sand, rocks and other sediment onto the shore through waves and tidal action. The wind then blows this sediment inland to create a beach. Beaches are constantly changing due to the effects of weather, wind and tides.