Spelling list: GCSE Geography: Coastal Landscapes 1

Key words for GCSE Geography.

abrasion	Coastal **abrasion** is when cliffs are worn away by sand, pebbles and boulders flung by the waves.
arch	An **arch** is a passage eroded into the headland by the waves.
armour	Rock **armour** refers to large boulders placed on the beach as coastal defenses.
attrition	**Attrition** is the type of erosion when boulders and rocks carried by the waves bump into each other and break down.
bar	A **bar** is a land form that occurs when a spit grows across a bay to create a lagoon.
bay	Bays are curved gaps in the headland that have been eroded due to softer rock.
beach	A **beach** is a zone made up of eroded material from elsewhere deposited by the sea.
cave	A **cave** is a large hole eroded into a cliff by the waves, caves can eventually become arches.
chemical	**Chemical** weathering is the decomposition of rock caused by **chemical** change.
cliff	A **cliff** is the sheer rock face formed by erosion and weathering of the coastline.
corrasion	Another word for abrasion; **corrasion** is when cliffs are worn away by sediment carried by the waves.
deposition	**Deposition** is when the sea loses energy and the materials it is carrying are dropped.

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dune	A **dune** is a large mound of sand formed by the wind.
engineering	Hard **engineering** refers to the use of concrete and artificial structures in coastal defenses.
erosion	**Erosion** refers to the wearing away and breaking down of material by a moving force.
gabion	Gabions are steel wire cages filled with boulders and are used in coastal defences.
groyne	A **groyne** is a wooden barrier placed in the sea to protect against erosion by allowing the beach to grow.
headlands	**Headlands** are formed when the softer rock is eroded inland and the harder rock sticks out towards the sea.
hydraulic	**Hydraulic** power or action is when breaking waves compress air into cracks in a cliff causing the rock to break apart.
longshore	**Longshore** drift is the movement of sediment along a beach caused by the zigzag movement of the waves.

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