

Practice Worksheet: Beach, Bank, Coast, and Shore

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1–C1

Use the words beach, bank, coast, and shore correctly. Read each task carefully and pay attention to the type of water involved.

WORD BANK

BEACH	BANK	COAST	SHORE
an area of sand or pebbles by the sea or a lake	the side of a river, stream, or canal	the land next to the sea or ocean, often a region	the land at the edge of a sea, lake, or other large body of water

A. Choose the correct word.

- We spent the afternoon sunbathing on the _____.
- The village lies on the south _____ of the island.
- The fisherman waited quietly on the river _____.
- After three days at sea, the sailors were relieved to see the _____.
- They built a footpath along the lake _____.
- Children were playing on the sandy _____ near the hotel.
- The car stopped beside the steep _____ of the stream.
- Much of Norway's _____ is rocky and dramatic.
- A small boat appeared close to the _____ just before sunset.
- We had a picnic on the grassy _____ of the canal.

B. Circle the best option.

- A long stretch of land beside the Atlantic Ocean is called the... (*beach / bank / coast*)
- If you are standing next to a river, you are probably on the... (*coast / bank / beach*)
- A place where people swim and lie in the sun is usually a... (*shore / beach / coast*)
- The word shore is more general than... (*beach / bank / coast*)
- Which word fits both sea and lake most naturally? (*bank / shore / canal*)
- Which word do we commonly use for a region by the sea? (*coast / shore / bank*)

C. Sort the collocations.

Write each collocation in the correct column: west coast • river bank • rocky shore • sandy beach • opposite bank • coastline • near the shore • beach volleyball

BEACH	BANK	COAST	SHORE
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

D. Correct the mistake.

1. We walked along the river coast for hours.

Correction: _____

2. Their house stands on the beach of the river.

Correction: _____

3. The ship finally reached the bank after the storm.

Correction: _____

4. Brighton is on the south shore of England.

Correction: _____

5. The children ran down to the coast and built a sandcastle.

Correction: _____

6. He sat on the lake bank and watched the waves.

Correction: _____

E. Write your own sentences.

Write one original sentence with each word.

beach: _____

bank: _____

coast: _____

shore: _____

ANSWER KEY

A. Choose the correct word

1. beach, 2. coast, 3. bank, 4. shore, 5. shore, 6. beach, 7. bank, 8. coast, 9. shore, 10. bank

B. Circle the best option

1. coast, 2. bank, 3. beach, 4. beach, 5. shore, 6. coast

C. Sort the collocations

BEACH	BANK	COAST	SHORE
sandy beach	river bank	west coast	rocky shore
beach volleyball	opposite bank	coastline	near the shore

D. Correct the mistake

- We walked along the river bank for hours.
- Their house stands on the bank of the river. / Their house stands by the river.
- The ship finally reached the shore after the storm.
- Brighton is on the south coast of England.
- The children ran down to the beach and built a sandcastle.
- He sat on the shore of the lake and watched the waves.

E. Write your own sentences

Sample answers will vary. Check that each sentence uses the word with the correct type of water and meaning.