

beach<sup>1</sup>

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noun [countable]

an area of sand or small stones at the edge of the sea or a lake:

*a sandy beach*

*surfers on the beach*

## COLLOCATIONS – Meaning ADJECTIVES/NOUN + beach

crowded *In the summer the beaches get very crowded.*

quiet (= with few people on it) *The beaches on this side of the island are quieter.*

deserted/empty (= with no one on it) *We took a boat to a deserted beach.*

a sandy beach *Corfu is known for its sandy beaches.*

a shingle/pebble/pebbly beach (= covered with very small stones) *Both resorts have small shingle beaches.*

a rocky beach (= with large rocks on it) *They anchored the boat off a rocky beach.*

a long beach *All around the coast of Lanzarote are long beaches of golden sand.*

a white/golden beach *The house was beside a dazzling white beach.*

a private beach (= owned by someone, so you need permission to use it) *The hotel has its own private beach.*

a public beach (= for everyone to use) *The public beaches were very dirty.*

## verbs

lie on the beach *I find it boring just lying on the beach all day.*

go to the beach *They've gone to the beach for the weekend.*  
walk on/along the beach *She loved to walk along the beach in the early morning.*

## beach + NOUN

a beach holiday (**BrE**) (= a holiday spent mainly at the beach) *She loves beach holidays, while he prefers city breaks.*

a beach resort *This is one of the most popular beach resorts in Greece.*

a beach hut (= a small building on the beach for storing things such as swimming or sports equipment) *a row of brightly painted beach huts*

a beach bar/restaurant (= on the beach) *We watched the sun go down from the beach bar.*

a beach towel *They spread out beach towels and opened parasols.*

beach volleyball/football (= played on the beach) *Who wants a game of beach volleyball?*

### Word origin

**Date:** 1500–1600

**Origin:** Perhaps from Old English *bæce* 'small stream'

## beach<sup>2</sup>

verb

[transitive]

**1** to pull a boat onto the shore away from the water

**2** if a WHALE beaches itself or is beached, it swims onto the shore and cannot get back in the water