



Compare and Contrast a Coast



To demonstrate your understanding of coastal ecosystems in Washington, choose a coastal ecosystem NOT in Washington to compare them to. Your chosen coastal ecosystem can be a specific beach in another state, , or a coast from another country.

After choosing your coastal ecosystem, research it online and find five ways it is similar to coastal ecosystems in Washington, and five ways it's different. You can either **write** five similarities and differences or **draw** five similarities and differences between the coasts. If you want, you can list **and** draw your comparisons between the two coasts.

Things to think about to help make your lists:

- What types of animals live on Washington's coasts that are also found on your chosen coastal ecosystem? Are there animals that are not found on Washington's coasts?
- Is there a type of seafood people eat from that coast that we don't have in Washington? Washington is famous for fresh [salmon](#) and shellfish.
- What does your chosen coastal ecosystem look like? Does it have rocky beaches like Washington's coasts? Are there tide pools?
- What kinds of plants grow along the shoreline? Are the plants similar or different to what we find on Washington's coast like [salal](#) and [salmonberries](#)?
- Do people visit your coastal ecosystem and use the beach or waters? What do they do on the coasts? Some of the ways we enjoy Washington's coasts are by exploring tide pools and [harvesting clams or oysters](#).
- What kind of weather does your coast get? Is it different weather from what Washington's coasts experience? Washington's coasts experience cool, wet weather.



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Name:

Which coastal ecosystem are you comparing/contrasting to Washington's?

Write or draw five ways this ecosystem is similar to Washington's Coast.

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5.



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Write or draw five ways this ecosystem is different from Washington's Coast.

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