17/ By the sea

Words you need...

- a bay
- a cave
- a cliff
- the coast
- a harbour (UK)/harbor (US)
- a pool
- a shell
- a sunrise
- a sunset
- coastal being next to the sea
- a resort a place where a lot of people go for a holiday
- the seaside a place which is next to the sea
- the shore the area of land that is by the sea
- a wave

Exercise 1
Match the pictures (a–j) above with the definitions (1–8).

1. This area of high land has a very steep side. It is next to the sea. ___
2. This is the way the sky looks in the morning when the sun comes up. ___
3. You can explore this large hole under the ground or in the side of a hill or cliff. ___
4. This is a small area of water. ___
5. People leave their boats here. It’s an area of sea next to the land. ___
6. You can surf on this high line of water as it moves. ___
7. This is the way the sky looks in the evening when the sun goes down. ___
8. You find this on the beach. It is the hard outer part of some sea creatures. ___

Exercise 2
Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

1. It’s a coastal ___
2. It was dark inside ___
3. When it gets dark, you can see the lights shining ___
4. It’s a little town on ___
5. We went for a walk along the shore, looking for ___
6. We’re planning to spend a few days at the ___

Exercise 3
Complete the sentences.

1. When the tide ___ comes in ___, the water covers nearly all of the beach.
2. I was admiring the ___ from my balcony at five o’clock this morning – the sky was all pink and orange.
3. At high ___ , you can’t see any sand at all on the beach.
4. There are many harbours along this ___ of coast.
5. In the evening the tide goes out, leaving all these ___ with little fish in them.

Exercise 4
Use the words from the box to complete the description of a seaside town. Listen and check.

Every summer Mallorca attracts large numbers of sun lovers, but the island is so much more than just a beach. ___ No visit is complete without seeing the famous ‘Dragon’ ___ in Porto Cristo over on the east ___ , which has one of the largest underground lakes in the world. The town of Porto Cristo is also a pretty ___ where you can sit in a café and watch the boats.

On the west side of the island is the lovely Cala Deia ___ , with rocky ___ big enough to swim in. From there it’s a short walk up on the ___ to a simple seafood restaurant with wonderful views over the sea at ___.

Exercise 5
Use the words from the box to complete Grace’s email to her family. Listen and check.

Will and I have come to Cornwall for the weekend as we decided we wanted to spend some time at the ___ seaside ___. There’s a lovely sandy beach just next to our hotel in Daymer Bay and at ___ tide you can walk along the ___ to the little town of Rock and its famous bakery! That’s what we did this morning – got up early to enjoy the light at ___ sunrise ___. (I’ll post photos.) This afternoon we’re going to walk along the ___ path up on the cliffs, then tomorrow we’re going to Polzeath where the ___ are really big and great for surfing.

Putting words together...

- When the tide comes in, the sea comes higher up the beach and when the tide goes out, the sea flows away from the beach.
- High tide is when the sea has come to the highest point up the beach and low tide is when it has reached the furthest point away from the beach.
- A stretch of coast is a long area of land next to the sea that continues without stopping.

Use the words you’ve learned...

Talk about an area of the coast that you know.