Mountains, rivers and coasts

Mountains
A mountains a land form that rises high above the surrounding terrain in a limited area. They are made of rocks and earth. Mountains are higher than 600m those less than 600m are called hills.

Common features of mountains include:
- The summit
- The slope
- A very steep valley known as a gorge

Mountains cover \(\frac{1}{5}\) of the earth's land surface and occur in 75% of the world's countries. The largest range of mountains is in the Atlantic Ocean. Some of the highest mountains are at the bottom of the sea. Hawaii is at the top of a volcanic mountain in the Pacific Ocean. More than half the mountain is underwater.

There are 5 basic kinds of mountains
1. Fold mountains
2. Fault-block mountains
3. Dome mountains
4. Volcanic mountains
5. Plateau mountains

Coasts
A coast is the edge of the land where it meets the sea or ocean.

The coast or coastline around Britain is very varied, it includes:
- Beaches
- Cliffs
- Sand dunes
- Mudflats
- Salt marshes
- Shore platforms
- Estuaries

People have always lived and worked by the coast. Most coastal settlements have developed around docks, ports and harbours. These have been built where there is good access to the sea, usually at the mouth of a river.