

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: matching, categorising, crossword, question completion

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions, freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Water vocabulary

Aim

To learn and practice water-related vocabulary.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

This water vocabulary worksheet helps students learn and practice water-related words that appear in nature as well as some water words that are associated with man-made structures.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet. Students begin by matching 15 water-related words to pictures.

Exercise A - Answer key

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|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. island, e | 6. lighthouse, m | 11. coast, o |
| 2. sand, i | 7. sea, h | 12. bay, j |
| 3. beach, n | 8. ocean, g | 13. bridge, a |
| 4. canal, k | 9. river, c | 14. pond, d |
| 5. waves, b | 10. dam, f | 15. riverbank, l |

Next, students sort the water-related vocabulary from Exercise A into four groups, man-made structures, salt water, fresh water and land.

Exercise B - Answer key

Man-made	Salt water	Fresh water	Land
canal	waves	river	island
lighthouse	sea	pond	sand
dam	ocean		beach
bridge	bay		coast
			riverbank

After that, students categorize the water words into three groups, things or places near your hometown, things or places near where you live now, and things or places you have visited on holiday.



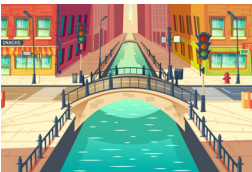


Students then move on to use clues to complete a crossword with the water vocabulary from the worksheet.

Exercise D - Answer key

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| Across | | Down | |
| 2. bay | 11. sea | 1. canal | 6. pond |
| 4. dam | 12. coast | 2. beach | 8. island |
| 7. lighthouse | 13. sand | 3. river | 9. ocean |
| 10. riverbank | 14. bridge | 5. waves | |

Finally, students complete *Have you been to...?* questions with names of places that correspond to the water vocabulary from the worksheet, e.g. names of islands, rivers, bridges, etc. The students then ask the questions to a partner and record their answers.

A. Match the water vocabulary to the pictures.

1. island	a.		b.		c.	
2. sand						
3. beach						
4. canal	d.		e.		f.	
5. waves						
6. lighthouse						
7. sea	g.		h.		i.	
8. ocean						
9. river	j.		k.		l.	
10. dam						
11. coast	m.		n.		o.	
12. bay						
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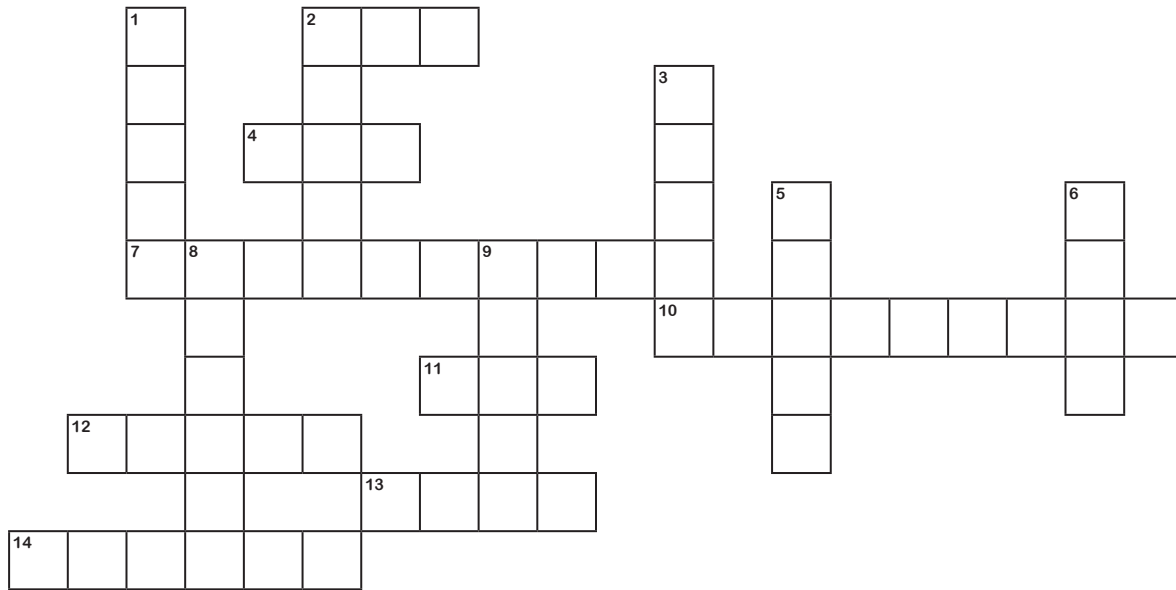
B. Sort the water-related vocabulary from Exercise A into the four groups below.

Man-made structures	Salt water	Fresh water	Land

C. Now, categorize the water-related words into the following three groups.

Things or places near your hometown	Things or places near where you live now	Things or places you have visited on holiday

D. Use the clues to complete the crossword with the water words from Exercise A.



Clues across

- 2. Part of the sea where the land curves inwards, like the ... of Biscay near France and Spain.
- 4. A big wall to hold back water, like the Three Gorges ... in China.
- 7. A tower with a light on top to guide ships.
- 10. Land right next to a river.
- 11. A large body of salt water, like the Mediterranean ...
- 12. Land next to the sea.
- 13. What a beach is made of.
- 14. A structure used to cross a river, like the Golden Gate ... in America.

Clues down

- 1. A waterway made for boats, like the Panama ...
- 2. Sandy land next to the sea, like Bondi ... in Australia.
- 3. A long channel of water that flows out to the sea, like the Amazon ... in South America.
- 5. Water raised up by the wind or tide. Surfers love these!
- 6. A body of water smaller than a lake, like Walden ... in America.
- 8. Land with water all around.
- 9. The largest bodies of water on Earth, like the Pacific ... between Asia and America.

E. Complete the *Have you been to...?* questions with names of places that correspond to the vocabulary from the worksheet, e.g. names of islands, rivers, bridges, etc. Then, ask the questions to a partner and record their answers.

- 1. Have you been to? Yes No
- 2. Have you been to? Yes No
- 3. Have you been to? Yes No
- 4. Have you been to? Yes No
- 5. Have you been to? Yes No
- 6. Have you been to? Yes No