

Matching: Coastal Defense

Directions: Match each term to the correct definition.

Terms

breakwater

riprap

groynes

gabions

seawalls

Definitions

a collection of large rocks placed along a shoreline to protect it from the energy of breaking waves

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meshed cages filled with boulders and rocks and placed in front of areas vulnerable to erosion

walls built along beaches to diminish the energy of waves

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Answers

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