

## Word Web: Coastal Erosion

**Directions:** Match each word to the correct definition.

### Terms

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attrition

wave pounding

waves

wave scouring

corrosion

abrasion

### Definitions

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