

# Let's Explore London!

**Today we will be...**

Identifying and describing different geographical features in London.



# Let's be London detectives!

You're going to be shown some photos of different places. Your job as a London detective is to work out whether you think the photo is of London or not.

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What clues are there?

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Yes, it is London! I know because I can see the Shard and the River Thames.

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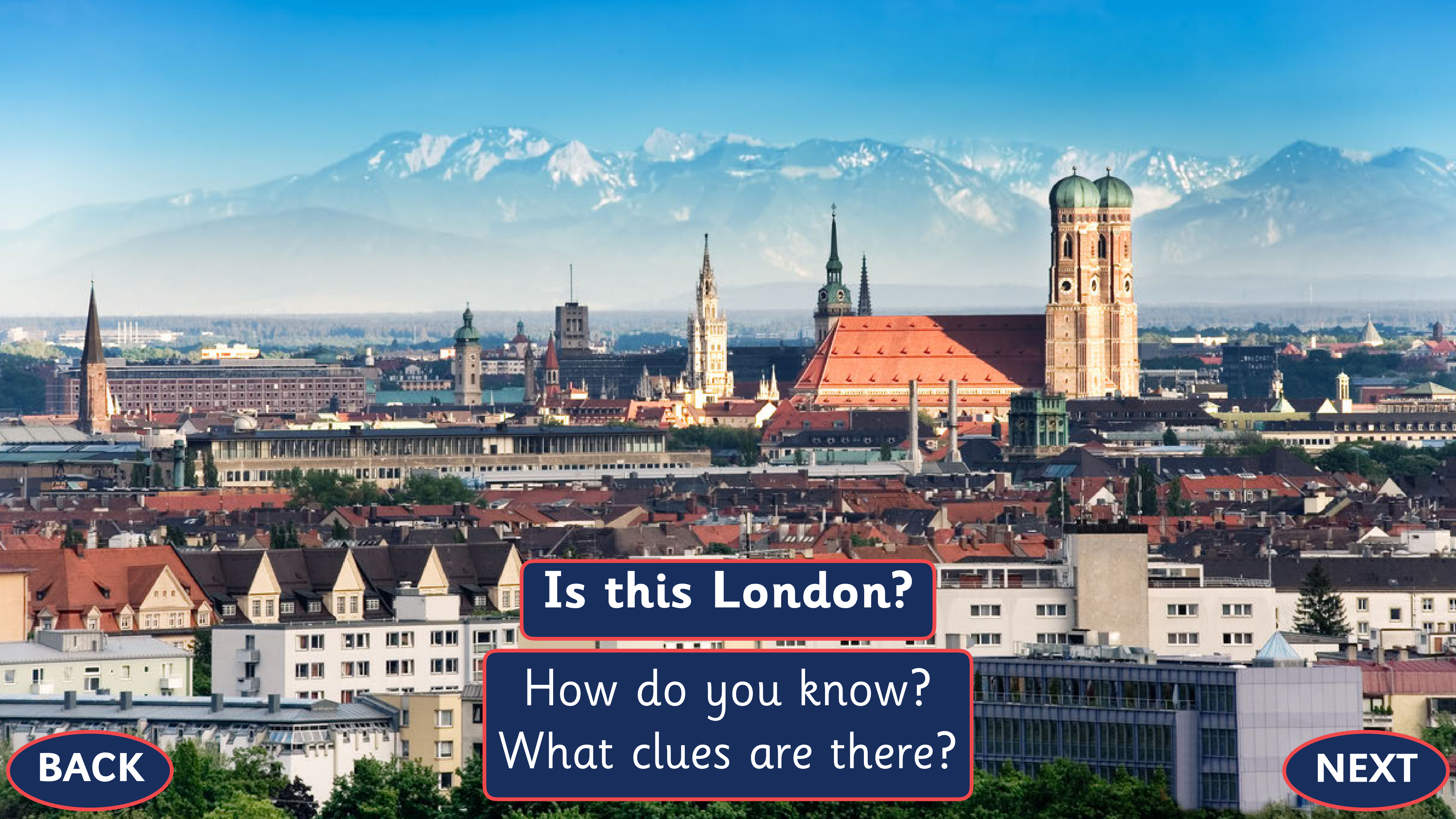
No, it isn't London! I know it isn't because London isn't next to a beach. This is a city in Brazil in South America.



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No, it isn't London! I know it isn't because you can't see any tall mountains from London. This is a city in Germany in Europe.

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Yes, it is London! I know because I can see the London Eye. This is St James' Park, which is near Buckingham Palace.



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An aerial photograph of a village nestled in a lush green valley. In the background, a large, steep hill is covered in dense green trees. The village features a mix of white and red-brick houses, some with gabled roofs. A railway line runs along the bottom of the frame. The sky is clear and blue.

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No, it isn't London! I know it isn't because it is too rural. London is a big, busy city and this is a quiet, countryside town.

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An aerial photograph of Central London, showing a vast urban landscape with a large green park in the center. The park features several ponds and is surrounded by dense residential and commercial buildings. The city extends to the horizon under a clear sky.

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Hyde Park



Yes, it is London! It's hard to tell from so high up but there are some clues. The land is very flat and there are no big hills. The big green space is Hyde Park.



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Can you read each of these words? What do they all mean?

**valley**

**forest**

**sea**

**river**

**lake**

**mountain**

**beach**

**hill**

**coast**

**cliff**

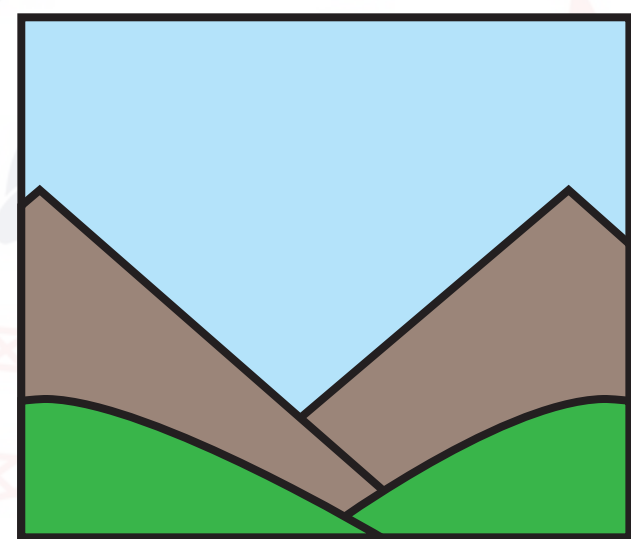
**park**



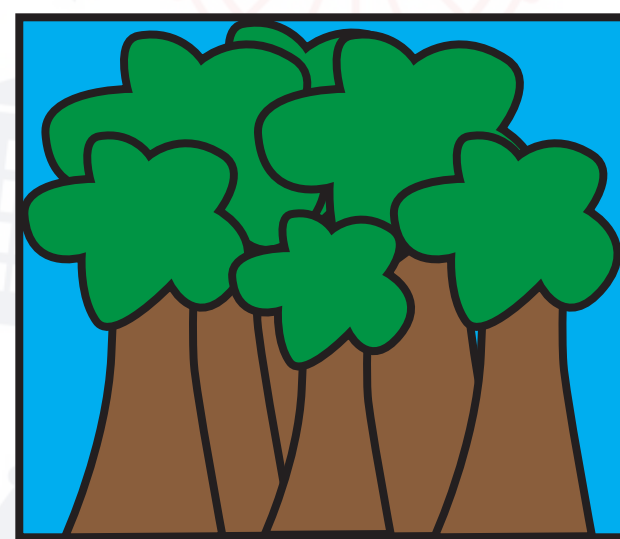
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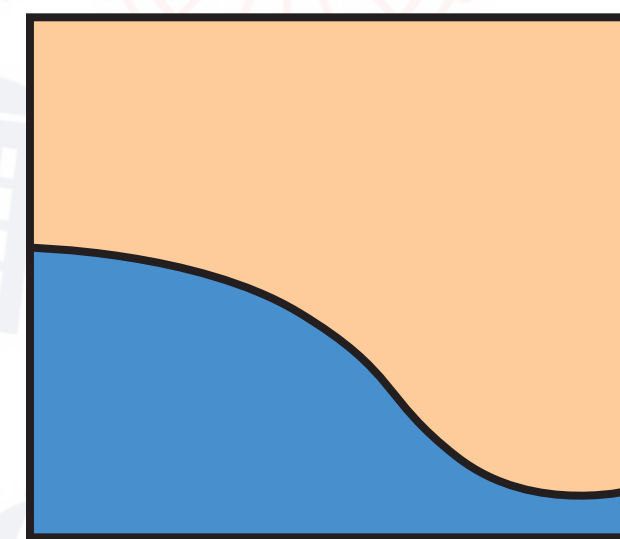
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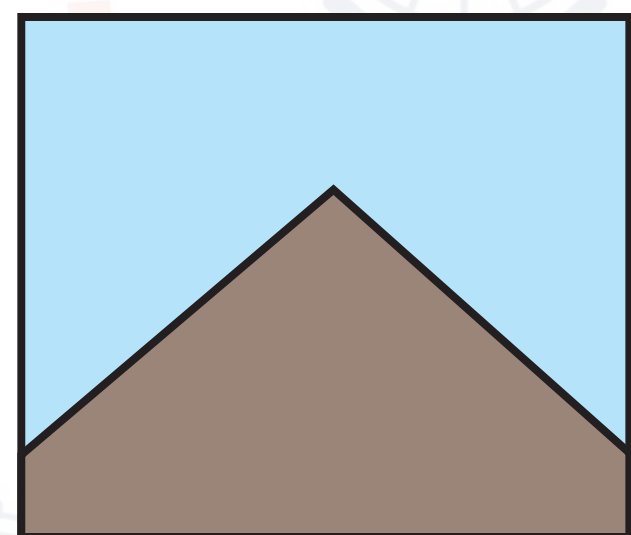
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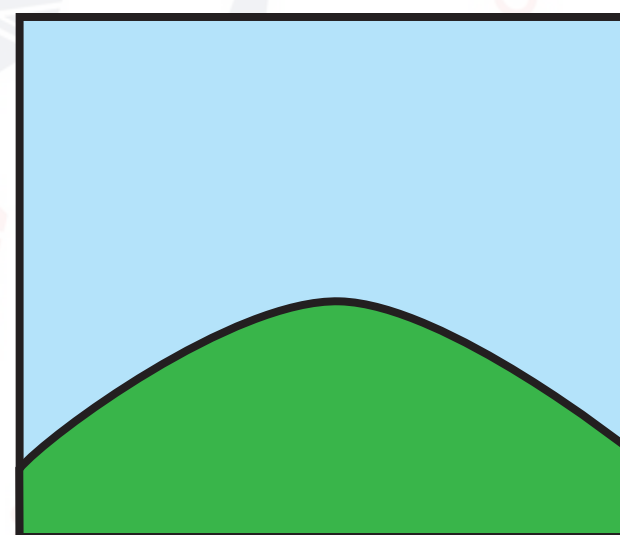
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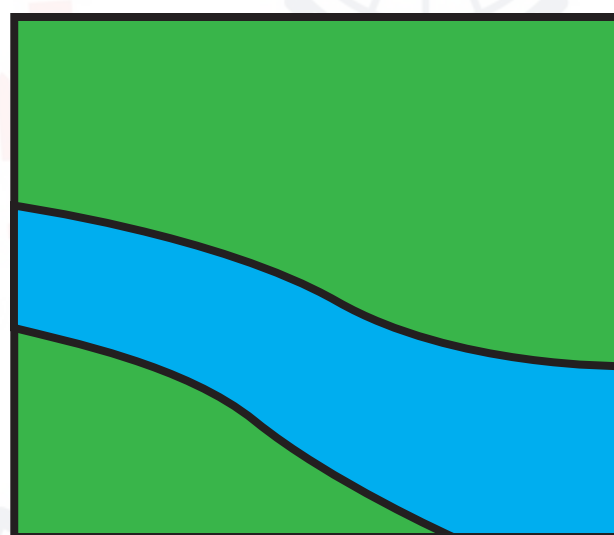
**beach**



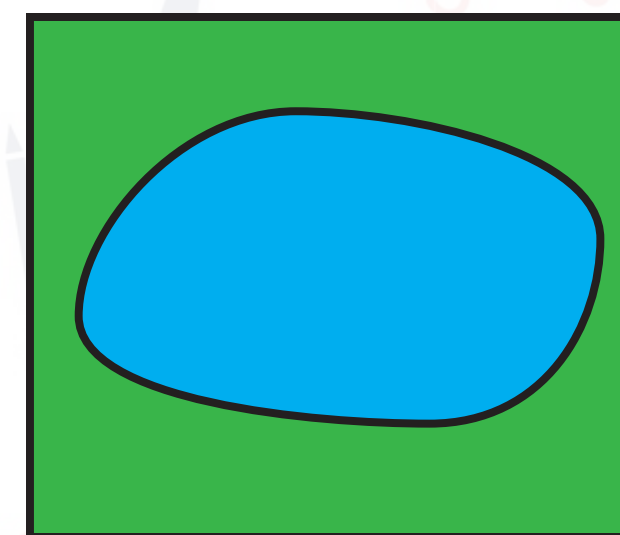
**mountain**



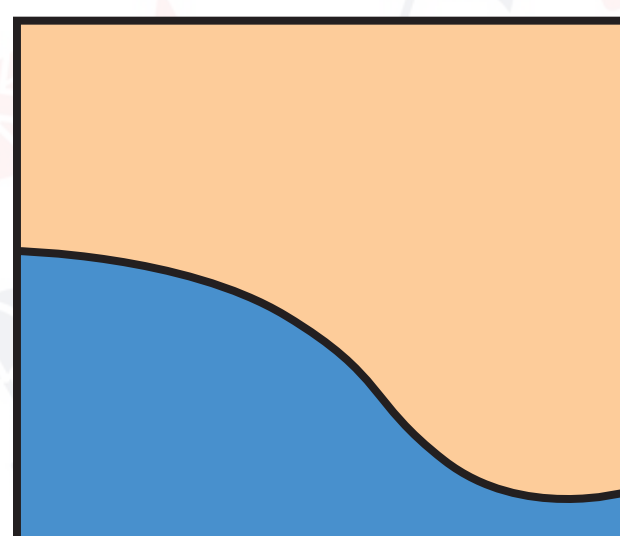
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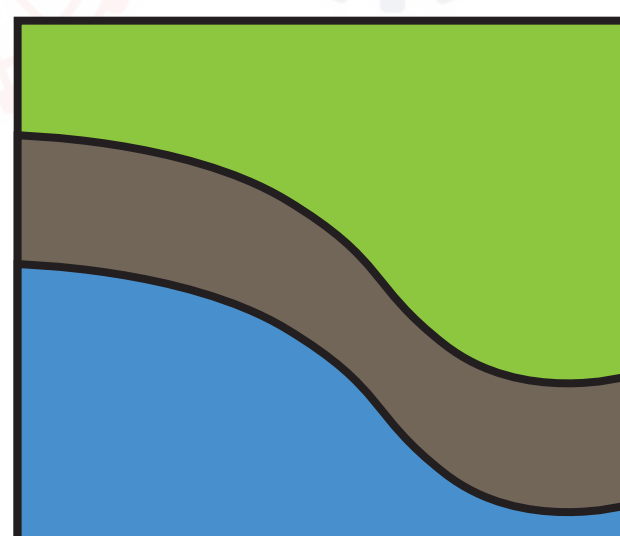
**river**



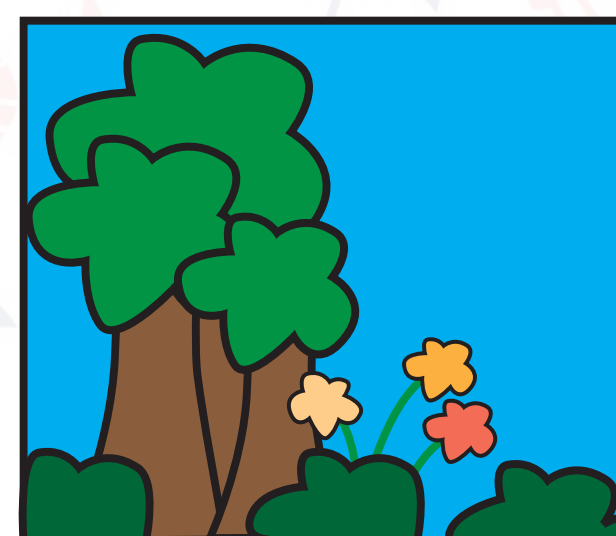
**lake**



**coast**



**cliff**



**park**

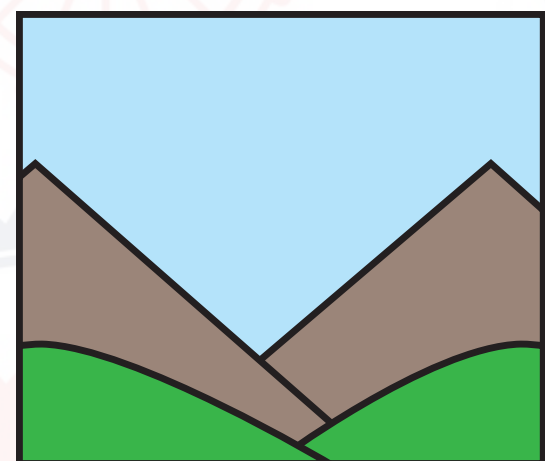
Which of these features would you expect to find in London?



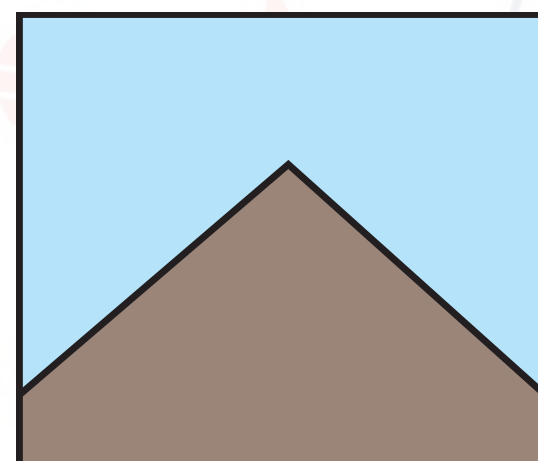
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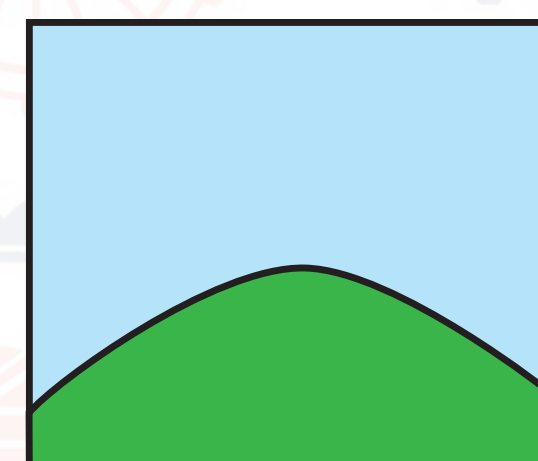




**valley**



**mountain**



**hill**

A **mountain** is like a really steep, tall **hill**. Mountains are often pointier at the top than hills. A **valley** is the low land in between two mountains.



London doesn't have any mountains and so doesn't have any valleys either. It does have some hills but is generally very flat.

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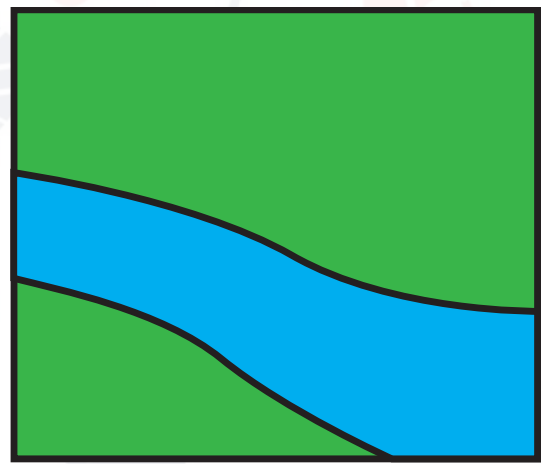
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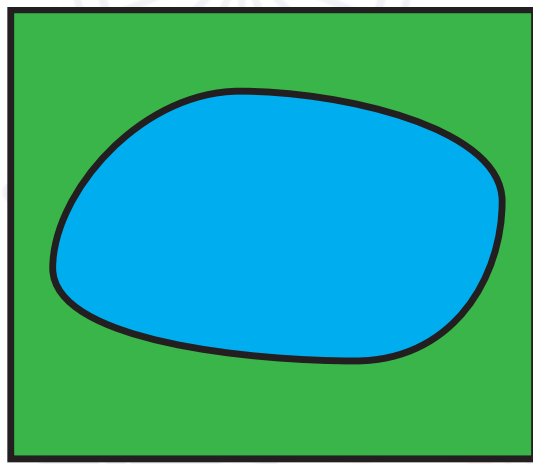
A **sea** is a large body of water that surrounds land. A **river** is stream of water that runs from one place to another, finally ending up in the sea. A **lake** is large body of water that is surrounded by land. Lakes can be natural or man-made.



**sea**



**river**



**lake**

London has the River Thames, as well as lots of smaller rivers. It also has several lakes, usually in London's parks. This picture shows the lake in Regent's Park.

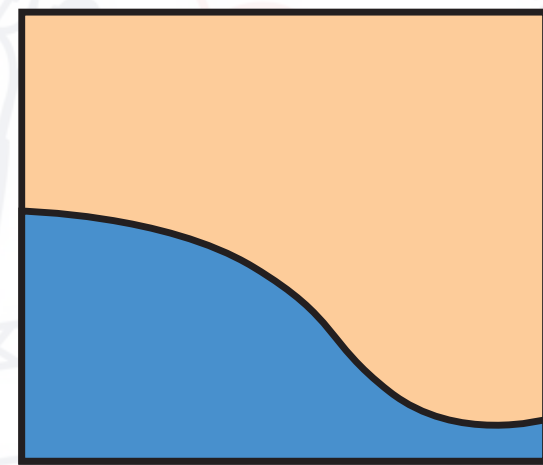


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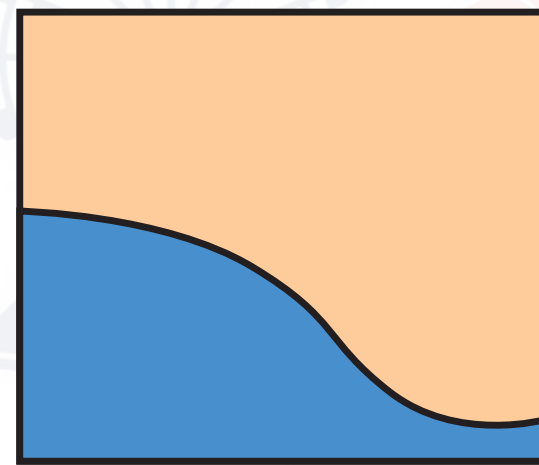
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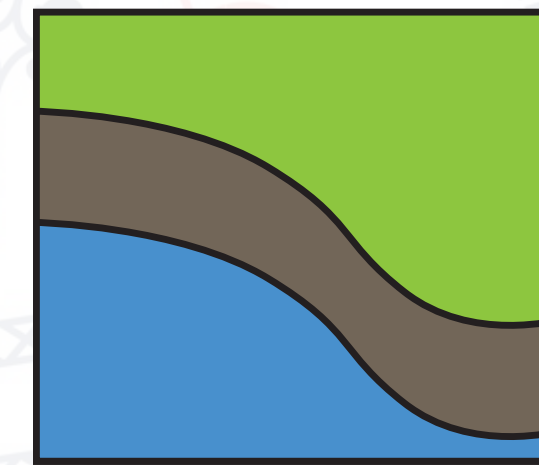
The **coast** is the area where the sea meets the land. A **beach** is a stretch of sandy or pebbly land by the sea. A **cliff** is a steep drop of land which is most often found on the coast.



**beach**



**coast**



**cliff**

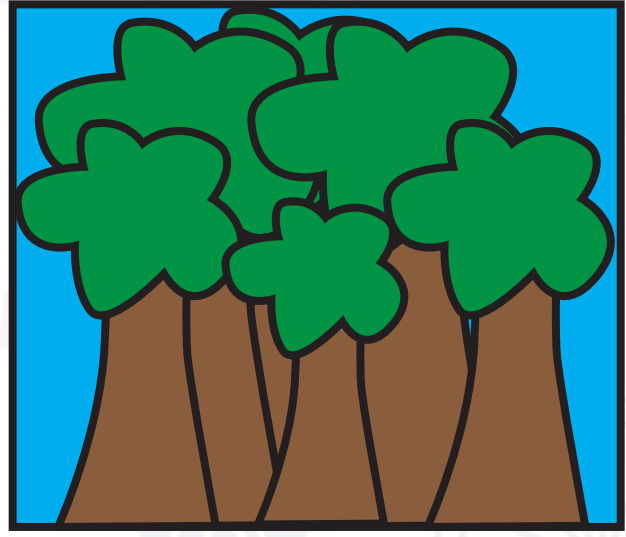


Because London isn't next to the sea, it doesn't have a coast, beach or cliffs, although the bit of land next to the Serpentine in Hyde Park does look a bit like a beach!

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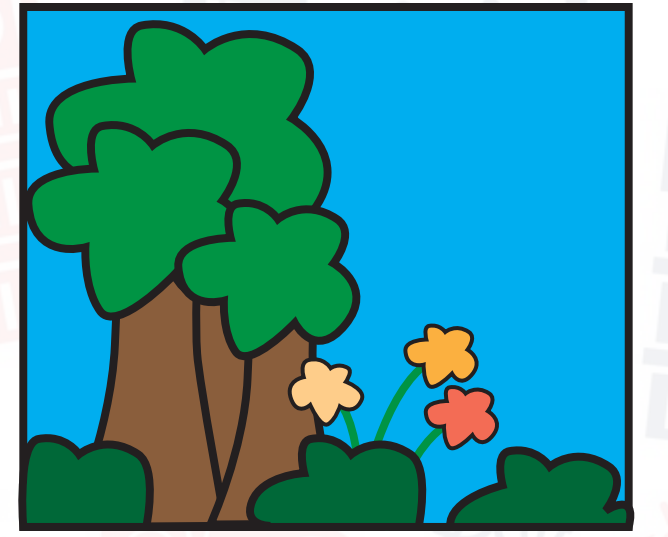




**forest**

A **forest** is a large area that is covered in trees.

A **park** is like a big public garden. Parks have grass, trees and flowers, and sometimes playgrounds, cafés, skate parks and other things to help people have fun and relax.



**park**

London has lots of parks and forests. Some of this land is protected to make sure that there is still plenty of nature, even though London is a busy city.



Highgate Wood, London

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go and learn some more  
about London's features on  
their own?

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# Plenary:

## Spot the Difference!



**London**



**Fishing village**

London has ? but the village does not.

The village has ? but London does not.

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