



Coast to Coast

Read the text and mark the sentences 1–5 (T) True and (F) False.

1 Sand and sea form beaches.	3 All the beaches are of the same material.
2 Sand comes from pebbles.	4 Coral makes pink sand.
		5 You can only see dunes in deserts.

Sun, sea and a stretch of sand are what make a perfect holiday. Relaxing on the beach is the ultimate holiday experience for many people but do you know where beaches come from?

You usually find beaches where the sea meets the coast. Beaches take thousands of years to form. The sea and the wind help make beaches. As waves crash onto rocky shore, they throw the rocks around and then into pebbles. With time, the waves grind the pebbles into sand.

There are many different types of beaches. Each beach has its own characteristics that make it unique. There are beaches with black or green sand, which results from lava from volcanoes. Others have pink or white sand which comes from corals. There are also rocky beaches, shelly beaches and ones covered with pebbles. Finally there are beaches with beautiful sand hills called dunes which remind us of deserts.