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Beach
(beach)

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Continent
(con·ti·nent)
Continental Shelf
(con·ti·nen·tal shelf)

The area of land on the edge of a continent that slopes down into the bottom on the ocean. Example: In the map below the *continental shelf* is highlighted in the color of light blue.
Coral Reef
(coral reef)

Inland (in·land)

Definition: An inland area, city etc. is not near the coast.
Example: There are more redwood forests *inland* than there are near the ocean.
Island
(is·land)
Land Mass
(land mass)

Definition: A very large area of land (such as a continent)
Example: From the boat, we could see a large land mass in the distance.

Photo: Booth Island and Mount Scott flank the narrow Lemaire Channel on the west side of the Antarctic Peninsula. February, 2001. ©2001 by Stan Sheebs. Some rights reserved http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/deed.en
Slopes (slopes)

Definition: If the ground or surface slopes, it is higher at one end than the other.
Example: Look at how the beach *slopes* towards the water.
Valley
(val·ley)

An area of lower land between two lines of hills or mountains.
Example: The ocean has valleys just like on land.