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# Island or Peninsula? Count the Water Sides

Circle group

An island is land with water all around. You need a boat or a plane to get there. Some islands are small. Some are big.

A peninsula is not the same. It has water on three sides. One side is joined to more land. You can walk onto a peninsula.

Here is a trick. Trace the edge of the land. Count the sides with water. Water on every side? Island. Water on three sides? Peninsula.

## Questions

**1. What is an island?**

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**2. How many sides of a peninsula have water?**

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**3. How can you get to an island?**

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**4. What is the fourth side of a peninsula joined to?**

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**5. Land has water on all four sides. What is it?**

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## Words to know

island: land with water all around it
peninsula: land with water on three sides
trace: to follow the edge of something with your finger
joined: connected or attached to something

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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# Island or Peninsula? Count the Water Sides

Triangle group

An island is land with water all the way around it. You need a boat or a plane to get there. Some islands are tiny. Some are very big.

A peninsula is different. It is land with water on three sides. The fourth side is joined to a bigger piece of land. You can walk onto a peninsula.

Here is a trick. Trace the edge of the land with your finger. Count the sides with water. If water is on every side, it is an island. If water is on three sides, it is a peninsula.

## Questions

**1. What is an island?**

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**2. How many sides of a peninsula have water?**

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**3. How can you get to an island?**

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**4. What is joined to the fourth side of a peninsula?**

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**5. A piece of land has water on all four sides. What is it?**

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## Words to know

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# Island or Peninsula? Count the Water Sides

Square group

An island is a piece of land that has water on every side of it. To reach an island, you usually need a boat or a plane. Some islands are tiny, while others are enormous.

A peninsula is different because it has water on only three sides. Its fourth side is joined to a larger area of land, so people can simply walk onto a peninsula.

Here is a handy trick for telling them apart. Trace the edge of the land with your finger and count the sides that touch water. If water touches every side, the land is an island. If water touches three sides, it is a peninsula.

## Questions

**1. What is an island?**

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**2. On how many sides does a peninsula have water?**

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**3. How do people usually reach an island?**

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**4. What is the fourth side of a peninsula joined to?**

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**5. A piece of land has water touching all four sides. What is it?**

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## Words to know

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# For the teacher: Island or Peninsula? Count the Water Sides

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

### Circle: Island or Peninsula? Count the Water Sides

Easier · 75 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. Land with water all around it.
2. Three sides.
3. By boat or plane.
4. More land.
5. An island.

### Triangle: Island or Peninsula? Count the Water Sides

This passage · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.4

1. Land with water all the way around it.
2. Three sides.
3. By boat or by plane.
4. A bigger piece of land.
5. An island, because water is on every side.

### Square: Island or Peninsula? Count the Water Sides

Harder · 110 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.9

1. A piece of land with water on every side.
2. Three sides.
3. By boat or by plane.
4. A larger area of land.
5. An island, because water touches every side.