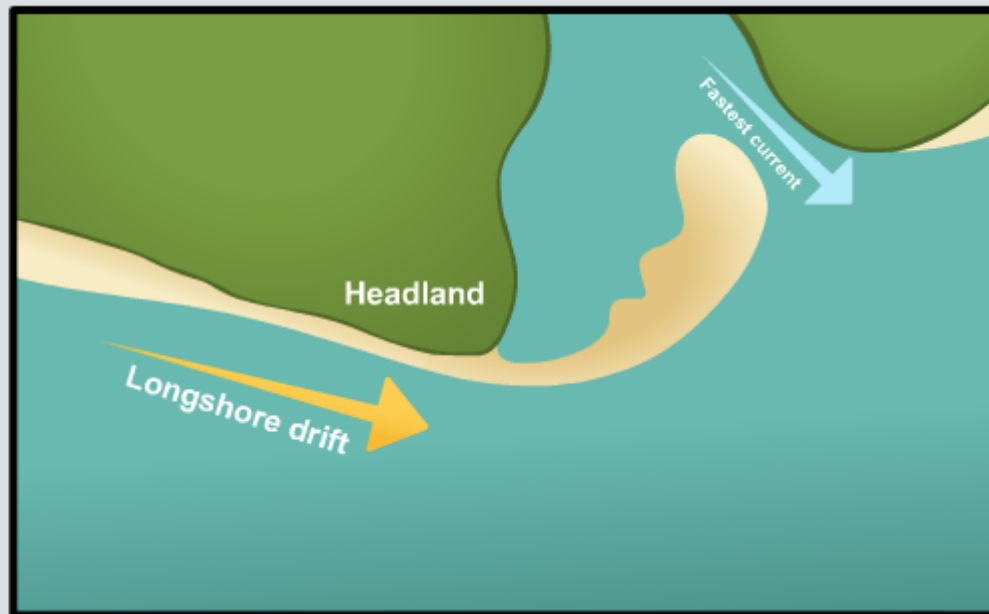


Coastal Depositional Landforms



Beaches are accumulations of deposited material between the reaches of low spring tides and the highest storm level.

Under what circumstances are beaches formed?

- When the rate of sediment deposition exceeds the rate of sediment removal
- When rapid coastal erosion supplies abundant material
- When wave energy is low.



Beaches are composed of sediment that is small in size, like sand or shingle or a combination of the two.



Beach features



Shingle and sandy beaches



Spits, bars and tombolos



Formation of a spit

