

The strandline is the line on the beach made up of materials that the high tide leaves behind. It can be made up of anything from seaweed, shells and egg cases. Why not do a Strandline Scavenger Hunt? See if you can find all the things on these pages. Tick them off as you go!



Did you know you can use cuttlebones to make a boat? Use natural materials like feathers to make a sail and float it on the ocean! Why not have a race?

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**SEAWEED**

The strandline is often mainly made up of seaweed. Once on the beach it starts to breakdown and provides food for lots of creatures such as sand hoppers  
**Points: 1**



**MOLLUSC SHELLS**

You can find lots of different mollusc shells in the strandline including whelks, periwinkles and limpets. Remember that hermit crabs use empty mollusc shells as homes, so it's best to leave the shells where you find them  
**Points: 3**



**CUTTLEFISH EGGS**

Also known as 'sea grapes', cuttlefish eggs are laid in bunches. If you find any on the beach, the baby cuttlefish may still be alive, so put them back in the ocean to give them the best chance of hatching  
**Points: 10**



**CRAB SHELLS**

As they grow, crabs moult their shell and you can often find their empty shells in the strandline  
**Points: 5**



**COMMON WHELK EGG CASES**

This spongy mass is the egg cases of common whelks. The first whelks to hatch will often eat their unhatched siblings for a burst of energy to help them survive out in the ocean!  
**Points: 5**



**CUTTLEBONES**

These chalky bones are the internal shell of cuttlefish which help them float in the ocean as they swim around and explore  
**Points: 6**



**MERMAID'S PURSES**

These little pouches are a common sight on Sussex beaches. They are the egg cases of sharks, skates and rays  
**Points: 7**

**STRANDLINE SCAVENGER SCORE**



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