

Session 1

- Where is Hunstanton and why are its cliffs famous?



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Hunstanton is in North West Norfolk, in East Anglia, in the East of England. It is mostly low-lying, and has a range of habitats, which include cliffs, sand dunes, salt marshes and some broad sandy beaches. It is popular with tourists, and has a varied population including a significant number of older and retired people.

Bring up a Google (or similar) image search page and type in the word '**Hunstanton**'.

Look at the images that come up in the search and note down the different landscape elements that are apparent. They could be separated into these four elements, which help make up distinctive landscapes: human, physical, biological and variable elements.

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You may wish to put the words that you have listed into a word-cloud creator such as Wordle.net, Tagxedo.com or Wordart.com to visualise these thoughts.

Now consider Hunstanton's geographical location.

Use a suitable paper map, mapping tool or website to locate the town. Browse for a few minutes to get a feeling for the town's position and characteristics.

Task 1

Produce a sketch-map to show the location of Hunstanton within the UK, within East Anglia, and within Norfolk, and a more localised sketch-map to show where the cliffs are in relation to the town centre.

Task 2

Write a short description to describe:

- a) the site of Hunstanton
- b) the situation of Hunstanton

Identify the location of Hunstanton cliffs.

Where are they in relation to the town centre?

How do the cliffs form part of the sense of place of Hunstanton?

Think about the connection with the idea of **place**, and the branding and rebranding of coastal resorts. We have produced a Pinterest board for use with this resource, which can be accessed from this link. It provides a series of images of Hunstanton past and present:

<https://uk.pinterest.com/geoblogs/hunstanton-a-seaside-sense-of-place/>

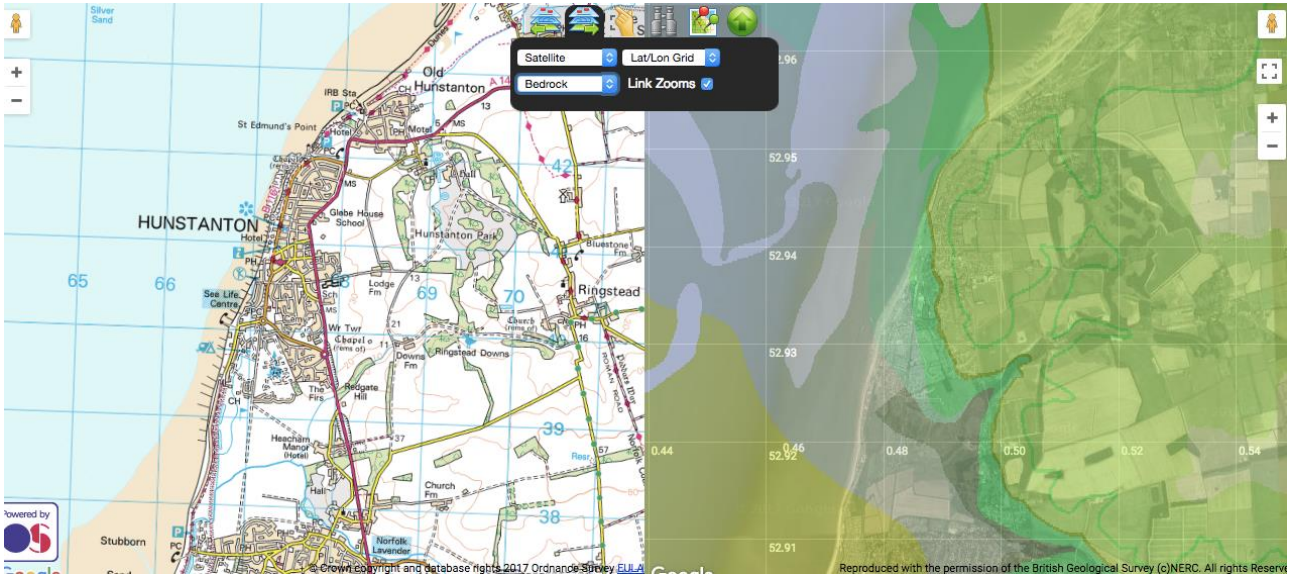
NB: Cliffs are not always obvious from aerial photographs. How have map makers represented cliffs over the years?

Digimap for School's tool (subscription required) enables some measurements to be made of the position of the houses above the cliffs relative to the cliff edge itself. There are also many useful functions to use in ArcGIS online, including 3D mapping.

Where's the Path

<https://wtp2.appspot.com/wheresthepath.htm>

This allows you to see the OS or other maps side-by-side with geological mapping / images. Click to 'link the zooms' on each map so that they 'follow' any movements you make, and use the binocular icon to search for a place by name.



NLS: Online maps also offer access to historical maps of the town, which may provide some further insights into changes. National Library of Scotland: <http://maps.nls.uk/>

Distinctive landscapes are part of the GCSE specification. Ensure that you are aware of what this term means, and connect it to the cliffs at Hunstanton. What makes them distinctive?

Extension

See landscape elements PowerPoint presentation.

Use the landscape mat here to consider the elements of the landscape which can be seen at Hunstanton. These were also referred to in the word cloud activity earlier.