

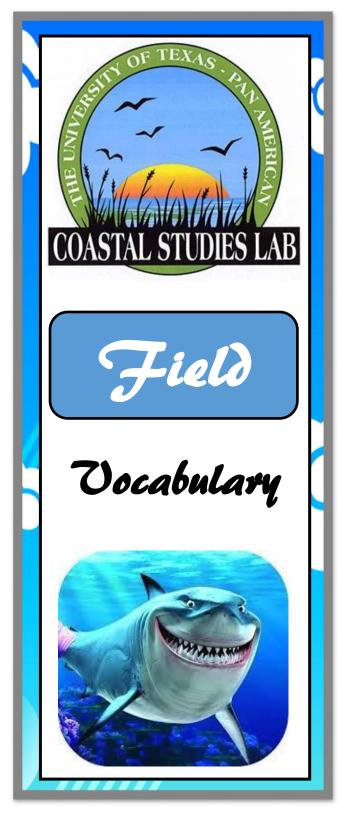
Barrier island is a coastal landform and a type of barrier system, are relatively narrow strips of sand that parallel the mainland coast. They usually occur in chains, consisting of anything from a few islands to more than a dozen. A barrier chain may extend uninterrupted for over a hundred kilometers, the longest and widest being Padre Dsland.

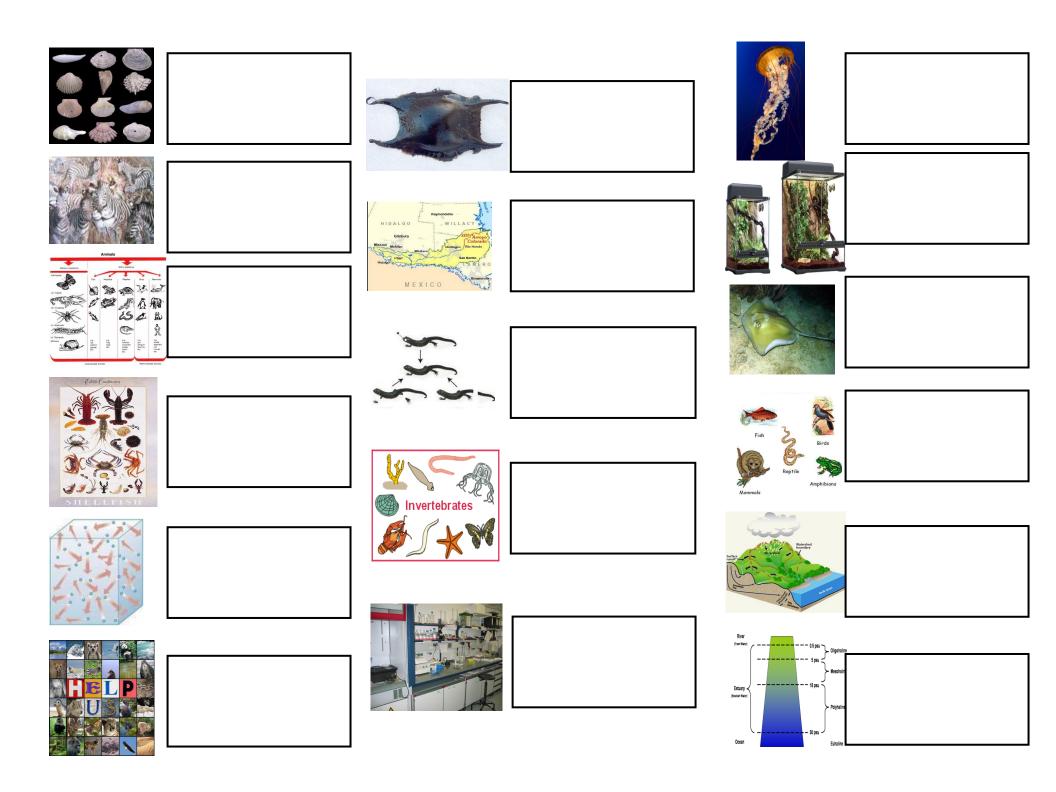
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On preparation for our upcoming field trip to the Coastal Studies Lab, please

We truly hope everyone enjoys their field trip to the

COASTAL STUDIES LAB
IN
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX





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