

Agriculture

Welcome to my farm! It's quite a big one. Our fields stretch for over half a mile along this part of the coast.

Farming by the coast is really important because there are so many farms that overlook the sea. Ours is a cattle farm, but other coastal farms keep sheep, produce milk and grow crops.

Where I live, in Holderness, the cliffs are made of soft rock. The sea erodes them away. Every year, one metre of farm disappears into the sea.

You may not think that a metre is all that much - it's less than the length of your school desk. But one metre a year means that five metres are lost over five years.

Ten metres are lost over ten years. It all adds up.

I'm worried about what this farm will be like in 30 years' time. The farm house is only 30 metres from the sea at the moment. If that disappears into the sea, there will be no more food produced here.

I've asked for help several times because it would be good to have some sea defences to protect my farm. But it doesn't seem to be a priority for the government.

Things to think about:

Can you explain why Nigel's farm is not a great priority when it comes to protecting the coastline?

