



## Edge meanings

The word edge has both negative and positive connotations when used in different cultural contexts. For example 'on the edge of' can describe the marginal status of people and groups in a society, or it can refer to the positive anticipation of a discovery or solution to a problem. Cultural meanings of words influence the meanings and experience of landscape forms and vice versa, and edges can therefore have quite specific and varied cultural interpretations by different people.

## Horizons

Horizons are visual and symbolic edges where earth or sea meets sky. As physical places that cannot be occupied, horizons may connote future aspirations but also loss and separation. Visually complex horizons mesh and link earth and sky. This visual stitching of earth and sky in design is often more desirable than abrupt separation because it can increase our enjoyment of the sky as part of a landscape.