What People Compare Things To

A Duskaran compares things to what they know: water in a channel (slack, current, set, weir); loads (to carry, to bear, to give way); the wind (lee, lean, line, side-on); counting (short, over, a tally that does not close); cloth, knots and cord; the grain (to head, to lie over, a slow row); stone and slate.

Some figures of Earth do not work here.

- **The sea.** The Bahari is the only sea. It has short waves and no tide, so nobody speaks of a tide that turns or of surf.
- **Light and dark.** Light is not good and dark is not bad. The day side burns and the night side gives water.
- **Return.** The sun does not move, and no part of the Cycle comes back in the weather. "After the rain, the sun" means nothing on the belt: the sun was there all along.
- **The striking hour.** A clock does not strike. The bell does, and the bell is people.

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