

## Rivers

Word	Definition	Translation
<b>abrasion</b>	the action of rubbing a surface hard enough to damage it	
<b>alluvium</b>	soil containing earth and sand left by rivers or floods	
<b>attrition</b>	the wearing down of rock particles by friction	
<b>bank</b>	1 a raised area of land along the side of river 2 a long area of land with sloping sides	
<b>basin</b>	1. a large area of a land from which water flows into a particular river or lake 2. a large area of Earth's surface that is lower than the surrounding area	
<b>bed</b>	1 the ground at the bottom of a sea or river 2 an area in a river, lake, or sea where there are a lot of plants or animals of a particular kind	
<b>bend</b>	if a road, river etc. Bends, it changes direction in the shape of a curve	
<b>boulder</b>	a very large rock or piece of stone	
<b>bounce</b>	if a ball or other subject bounces, or if you bounce it, it hits a surface then immediately moves away from it	
<b>break off</b>	1 if you break a piece off something, you remove it from the main part 2 if part of something break off, it becomes separated from the main part	
<b>break up</b>	to break something to make smaller pieces	
<b>bridge</b>	a road, railway, or path that goes over a river, over another road etc, and the structure that supports it	
<b>burst</b>	if something fill with air or water burst, or if you burst it, it breaks suddenly because there is too much pressure inside it or against it	
<b>canyon</b>	a long valley with steep sides made of rock	
<b>cascade</b>	a small waterfall	
<b>cliff</b>		
<b>confluence</b>	a place where two rivers join	
<b>course</b>	the direction in which river flows	
<b>creek</b>	1 a long narrow area of sea that stretches into the land 2 a narrow stream	
<b>creep</b>	if something such as fire, the sun, or fog creeps somewhere, it moves slowly	
<b>crop</b>	a plant grown for food, usually on a farm	
<b>cut off</b>	cut-offs occur when rivers in flood cut through the neck of land in a meander	
<b>dam</b>	a wall built across the river to stop the water from flowing, especially in order to create a lake or to help to produce electric power	
<b>deposits</b>		
<b>divide</b>	to separate people or things into smaller groups or parts	
<b>downstream</b>	in the direction that a river or stream is flowing	
<b>erode</b>	to gradually damage the surface of rock or land so that it begins to disappear, or to be gradually damage on this way	

<b>estuary</b>	the part of a large river where it becomes wide and flows into the sea	
<b>flood plain</b>	a flat area of land near river that often floods when the water level rises	
<b>floodwater</b>	water that is carried over the banks of rivers and streams during a flood and covers previously dry land	
<b>fluvial</b>	relating to the rivers	
<b>gravel</b>		
<b>interlocking spur</b>	overlapping edges of high ground which interlock in a v-shaped valley and prevent a clear view of river's channel. They project from both sides of a valley	
<b>jut, jut out</b>	to be further forward than the rest of something	
<b>levee</b>	a wall of soil built along the side of a river to help to prevent it from causing a flood	
<b>load</b>		
<b>loop</b>	a part of a river where it has eroded a wide curved path in the shape of the letter S (= meander)	
<b>mature</b>	fully developed, or fully grown	
<b>meander</b>	1. if a river or road meanders, it has a lot of turns and curves 2. a part of a river where it has eroded a wide curved path in the shape of a letter S	
<b>mouth</b>	the place where a river is widest and joins the sea	
<b>obstacle</b>	an object that you must remove or go around in order to move forward	
<b>overhang</b>	a part that sticks out from the edge above something	
<b>ox-bow lake</b>	a curved lake that is formed when a bend in a river becomes separated from the rest of the river	
<b>plunge</b>	to fall quickly from a high position if an amount or level plunges, it suddenly becomes much lower	
<b>pool</b>	a small area of still liquid	
<b>rapid</b>	happening, moving or acting quickly	
<b>saltation</b>	the carrying of particles of soil or sand in the wind or in running water. The particles rise and fall with bouncing movement.	
<b>sediment</b>	a layer of a substance that forms at the bottom of a liquid	
<b>slope</b>	1 a straight surface that has one end higher than the other 2 the side of a hill or a mountain	
<b>soft</b>	1 a soft substance is easy to press or shape and is not hard or firm 2 soft water does not contain many natural minerals and is easy to use with soap	
<b>solution</b>	a liquid with another substance dissolved in it, so that it has become part of the liquid	
<b>source</b>	the beginning of the river or stream	
<b>suspension</b>	a liquid that contains very small pieces of a solid substances	
<b>swing</b>		

