

## Spelling list: GCSE Geography: River Landscapes in the UK 2

Key words for GCSE Geography.

profile	Long <b>profile</b> is the gradient of a river, from its source to its mouth.
relief	Flood <b>relief</b> channels are artificial channels built to take the pressure of the main river channels.
reservoir	A <b>reservoir</b> stores water and is used to control the discharge of the river.
risk	Flood <b>risk</b> is the predicted frequency of floods in an area.
saltation	<b>Saltation</b> is when small pebbles or stones bounce along the river bed.
soft	<b>Soft</b> engineering harnesses the natural processes of the river.
solution	<b>Solution</b> is when soluble particles are dissolved into the river.
spurs	<b>Spurs</b> are the projecting ridges on either side of a valley.
straightening	Channel <b>straightening</b> is the artificial removal of meanders from a river.
suspension	<b>Suspension</b> is when very fine solid particles are held in the water as it moves.
traction	<b>Traction</b> is the rolling of heavier rocks and pebbles along the river bed.
vertical	<b>Vertical</b> erosion is the downward erosion of a river bed.
warning	Flood warnings are issued when a flood is predicted in an area.
waterfall	Waterfalls occur at very steep slopes in a river bed.
zoning	Flood plain <b>zoning</b> is the organisation of the land near rivers to avoid building on floodplains.