

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

Key words for GCSE Geography.

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