**Rivers Word Mat**

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| Abrasion  A form of erosion caused by rubbing of fine particles against an object. | Channel  A groove in the land that the river flows along. | Reservoir  An artificial lake created by building a dam across a river. | Riverbed  The ground at the bottom of a river often made up of stones and sand. | Gorge  A valley which is very narrow and deep. The river cuts the valley through erosion. |
| Dam  A barrier built across a water course to divert the flow of water. | Estuary  A drowned river valley in a costal lowland area. | Meander  A bend in the river | Basin  The drainage basin is the area of land that is drained by the river and its tributaries. | Fjord  A deep, narrow flooded inlet of the sea. |
| Alluvium  The name for any material deposited by a river. | Confluence  Where two streams or rivers meet. | Downstream  The direction that the river flows towards the mouth. | Attrition  Rocks that bounce along the riverbed and knock against each other becoming more rounded as they do so. | Bank  The ground at the side of a river. |
| Flood  Flooding occurs when a river has too much water in its channel. | Delta  A fan-shaped area of sediment built up at the mouth of the river. | Current  The flow of the river. | Mouth  The end of the river, usually where the river meets the sea. | Canal  An artificial or man-made river channel. |