**Rivers Word Mat**

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| AbrasionA form of erosion caused by rubbing of fine particles against an object. | ChannelA groove in the land that the river flows along. | ReservoirAn artificial lake created by building a dam across a river. | RiverbedThe ground at the bottom of a river often made up of stones and sand. | GorgeA valley which is very narrow and deep. The river cuts the valley through erosion. |
| DamA barrier built across a water course to divert the flow of water. | EstuaryA drowned river valley in a costal lowland area.  | MeanderA bend in the river | BasinThe drainage basin is the area of land that is drained by the river and its tributaries. | FjordA deep, narrow flooded inlet of the sea. |
| AlluviumThe name for any material deposited by a river. | ConfluenceWhere two streams or rivers meet. | DownstreamThe direction that the river flows towards the mouth. | AttritionRocks that bounce along the riverbed and knock against each other becoming more rounded as they do so. | BankThe ground at the side of a river. |
| FloodFlooding occurs when a river has too much water in its channel. | DeltaA fan-shaped area of sediment built up at the mouth of the river. | CurrentThe flow of the river. | MouthThe end of the river, usually where the river meets the sea. | CanalAn artificial or man-made river channel. |