

Rivers Dictionary

Key term	Definition
Abrasion	
Alluvium	
Attrition	
Confluence	
Deposition	
Drainage basin	
Erosion	
Estuary	
Floodplain	
Groundwater flow	
Hard engineering	
Hydraulic action	
Hydrograph	
Infiltration	
Interception	
Interlocking spurs	
Lag time (in a flash flood)	

Levee	
Meander (or meander scar)	
Ox-bow lake	
River cliff	
Saltation	
Saturated	
Slip off slope	
Soft engineering	
Solution	
Surface runoff	
Suspension	
Thalweg	
Throughflow	
Traction	
Tributary	
V-shaped valley	
Waterfall	
Watershed	