



Year 8 Geography – Rivers and Coasts

Key Word	Definition
Weathering	wear away or change the appearance or texture of (something) by long exposure to the atmosphere.
Erosion	the process of eroding or being eroded by wind, water, or other natural agents.
Transportation	The movement of sediment along the river channel.
Deposition	Sediment drops out of the water body as energy is too low to keep transporting it.
Floodplain	an area of low-lying ground adjacent to a river, formed mainly of river sediments and subject to flooding.
Meander	Winding curve or bend of a river.
Hard Engineering	Construction of physical structures to protect coasts against the erosive power of waves.
Headland	A narrow piece of land that projects from a coastline into the sea

Key Concepts
What is weathering?
What is erosion?
How do rivers shape the land?
What causes waterfalls?
What happens on a river bend?
How does the sea shape the coast?
How can coastal erosion be reduced?
Enquiry



Did you know?
The River Nile, located in Africa, is 6,853km long – the longest river in the world.

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