
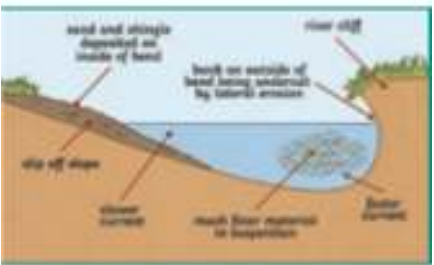
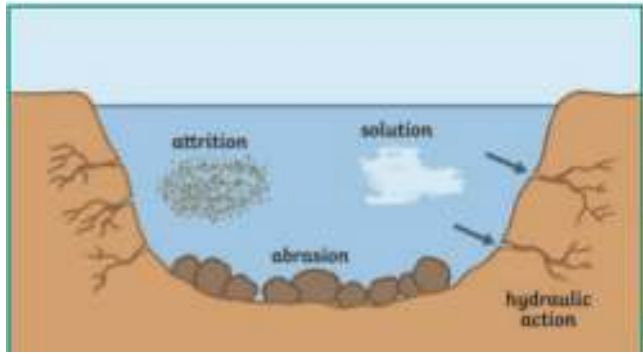


Year 6 Summer 1 Rivers and The Water Cycle

Learning objectives for this topic	Key vocabulary	Useful websites to search for																				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand and explain the water cycle. To find out about rivers and how they erode, transport and deposit materials To find out why rivers are important. To find out about the causes of river pollution and the effect it has on the environment To investigate a river in detail including the effects on the environment and landscape 	<p>Erosion</p> <p>Hydraulic action – as the water is forced into the sides of the river channel, air is compressed in the small cracks in the rock. Tiny fragments of rock get broken away as the process is repeated many times.</p> <p>Abrasion – the river picks up eroded rocks, pebbles and sand. The material then rubs against the channel, wearing it away.</p> <p>Attrition – eroded materials in the river bump into each other and eventually wear each other down. Over time, the materials become smaller and more rounded.</p> <p>Solution – water reacts with minerals in rocks and the structure of the rock is changed.</p> <p>Vertical Erosion – deepens the river, forming a v-shaped valley/channel. High turbulence carries material which wears away the river bed, especially in the upper course.</p> <p>Lateral Erosion – widens the river valley/channel, especially in the middle/lower course.</p> <p>Transportation</p> <p>Traction – material carried by the river is rolled along the river bed.</p> <p>Saltation – material carried by the river is bounced along the river bed.</p> <p>Suspension – material is carried by the river water.</p> <p>Solution – soluble material is dissolved and carried by the river water.</p> <p>Deposition</p> <p>Rivers deposit eroded material when they lose speed</p>	<p>http://www.fatbadgers.co.uk/Britain/rivers.htm https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/?s=rivers&post_type=primary-resource http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rivers.html https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zb39jxs</p> <p>The cross profile of the river shows the cross-section of the river and the river valley.</p>  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Upper Course</th> <th>Middle Course</th> <th>Lower Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gradient</td> <td>Steep gradient</td> <td>more gentle gradient</td> <td>Flat gradient</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Velocity</td> <td>Low velocity</td> <td>Faster velocity</td> <td>Fastest velocity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Features</td> <td>Waterfalls, gorges, and rapids</td> <td>Meanders, Oxbow lakes, floodplains</td> <td>Floodplains, deltas, estuaries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Channel</td> <td>Narrow and shallow channel</td> <td>Wider and deeper channel</td> <td>Widest and shallow channel</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>  		Upper Course	Middle Course	Lower Course	Gradient	Steep gradient	more gentle gradient	Flat gradient	Velocity	Low velocity	Faster velocity	Fastest velocity	Features	Waterfalls, gorges, and rapids	Meanders, Oxbow lakes, floodplains	Floodplains, deltas, estuaries	Channel	Narrow and shallow channel	Wider and deeper channel	Widest and shallow channel
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