Spelling list: GCSE Geography: River Landscapes in the UK 2

Key words for GCSE Geography.

profile Long **profile** is the gradient of a river, from its source to its mouth.

Flood **relief** channels are artificial channels built to take the pressure of the

relief main river channels.

reservoir A **reservoir** stores water and is used to control the discharge of the river.

risk Flood **risk** is the predicted frequency of floods in an area.

saltation Saltation is when small pebbles or stones bounce along the river bed.

soft Soft engineering harnesses the natural processes of the river.

Solution is when soluble particles are dissolved into the river.

spurs Spurs are the projecting ridges on either side of a valley.

straightening Channel **straightening** is the artificial removal of meanders from a river.

Suspension is when very fine solid particles are held in the water as it

suspension moves.

traction Traction is the rolling of heavier rocks and pebbles along the river bed.

vertical Vertical erosion is the downward erosion of a river bed.

warning Flood warnings are issued when a flood is predicted in an area.

waterfall Waterfalls occur at very steep slopes in a river bed.

Flood plain **zoning** is the organisation of the land near rivers to avoid

building on floodplains.

zoning