

Year 8 Geography Vocabulary List

(Tier 2 and Tier 3)



Abrasion – materials carried by the river hit rocks and wear them away.

Attrition – materials carried by the river hit each other and wear each other away, becoming smaller and rounder.

Birth rate – the number of people born in a year, measured for every thousand of the population.

Corrie – armchair-shaped hollow in the mountainside formed by glacial erosion, rotational slip and freeze-thaw weathering.

Death rate – the number of people who die in a year, measured for every thousand of the population.

Deposition – The laying down of material carried by rivers, sea, ice or wind.

Developed country – A country which has a lot of money, many services and a high standard of living.

Developing country – A country which is often quite poor, has few services and a low standard of living.

Glacier – masses of snow that has been compressed into giant sheets of ice.

Infrastructure – the basic services and facilities in a country: electricity supply, water supply, road networks and sewage systems.

Meanders – bends in a river

Migration – The movement of people from one place to another to live or to work.

Mouth (of river) – the end of the river, where it flows into a lake or the sea.

Natural increase – when the birth rate is higher than the death rate, natural increase is the extra population each year.

Renewable resources – Resources which can be used over and over again.

Source – the point at which a river starts to flow.

Sustainable development – A method of progress that does not waste resources and looks after the needs of today without damaging resources for the future.

Transportation – broken rock is carried away by moving water, ice or wind.

Weathering – The action of the weather, plants and animals on rocks. The rocks are broken down without being removed.