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Term and Definition



agriculturalist (noun) someone who specialises in the business or science of cultivating soil

alchemy (noun) also: **alchemical** (adjective) or **alchemist** (noun) old-fashioned word relating to what we now know as the science of 'chemistry'; commonly used in the Middle Ages, it referred to creation of both spiritual and physical change

bank (noun)

the land alongside or sloping down to a river

bathe (verb)

to spend time in a sea, river or lake; to wash by immersing oneself in the water

bay (noun)

an inlet of the sea where the coast curves inwards and the water cuts into the land

blacksmith (noun)

a person whose job is to make or repair things from metal, especially iron and usually using tools such as a hammer and anvil

debris (noun) say: 'debree' scattered pieces of rubbish or remains of anything that has been broken and discarded

dock (noun)

an enclosed area of water using for the loading and unloading of boats at the shore

downstream (adjective)

describing the position or direction of something that is travelling towards the mouth of a river; opposite of upstream

estuary (noun)

the wide part of a river before it joins the sea; fresh water from the flowing river mixes with salt water from the sea due to a current



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farmhand (noun) a worker on a farm

fisherfolk (noun) people who catch fish for a living

fissure (noun)

a deep, narrow opening in a rock or in the earth, through which moisture can escape

flood (noun, verb)

water which has overflowed onto land which usually sits above the water level; to cause something to be overfilled or covered with water



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gorge (noun)

a narrow passage or valley between hills or mountains featuring steep sides, often formed by of featuring a flowing river

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irrigation (noun)

the supply of water from a source such as a river, to fields or farmland in order to help grow crops; supplied by channels or irrigation canals

lake (noun)

a large area of water surrounded by land

laundress (noun)

a woman whose job is to wash (or launder) clothes or linens

meandering (adjective)

following a winding path or course that is specifically not straight or direct

merchant (noun)

a person whose job is to buy, sell or trade products; especially used

millstone (noun)

a large, flat stone which is part of a pair of stones used for grinding grain into flour; the machinery housed in a mill

mouth (river) (noun) the mouth of a river is where

it opens out into the sea or into another river or lake

murky (adjective)

difficult to see through due to being dark, dirty or gloomy

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paddle (noun)

a washing paddle was used to beat wet clothes or linens during the act of washing along with a washboard

paddle (verb) past tense: paddled to walk, typically with bare feet, in shallow water

pier (noun)

a long structure, built on poles or pillars, stretching out from the land and protruding over water

plunge (verb)

rush or fall into water with

pottage (noun)

old fashioned word referring to a type of thick soup or stew, made from vegetables and sometimes meat

rapids (noun)

fast-flowing or turbulent part of a river, sometimes over rocks, often caused by a steep gradient





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riverbed (noun) the ground beneath the water, over which a river flows

shoreline (noun) the edge of a lake, river or sea where the water meets the land

source (river) (noun) the beginning or starting point of a river or stream

spring (noun)

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a location where groundwater naturally emerges through the surface of the ground

stream (noun) a small, narrow river

tributary (noun) a smaller river or stream flowing in to join or feed a larger river

trickle (noun, verb) the action of a small or slow flow of water

upstream (adjective, adverb) the opposite direction to which a river or stream flows; opposite of downstream

valley (noun)

the low stretch of land between hills or mountains, often with a river running through it **wade** (verb) past tense: waded to walk with effort through water or other liquid, typically because of its depth

washboard (noun)

old fashioned tool used for manually washing clothes, typically with ridges or grooves and used as a surface against which to scrub items

water mill (noun)

a mill worked by a water wheel; see also millstone

water wheel (noun)

a large wheel that is turned by flowing water; used to power the machinery in a water mill

wring (verb)

to force out liquid from something by squeezing and twisting



