

KS3 English Quiz - Words Used in Geography 01 (Questions)

Glacier and erosion are examples of words used in geography. Have you ever noticed that certain words are used mainly when discussing or writing about certain subjects? Every field of knowledge has its own vocabulary. Sometimes you'll find that a particular word is used in a specialised way which differs from the ordinary way people use that word. Sometimes words migrate from a specialised vocabulary to general usage. When we say that someone's thoughts or speech are meandering, we do not mean it in exactly the same way that a geographer might discuss a river's meander.

How many words relevant to geography do you know? This quiz tests your knowledge of rivers, measuring equipment, geographical features, topographical change and ways of describing global position. But there is much more to know, of course, so if you are interested in geography, try building your vocabulary in order to discuss the subject in greater detail.

Try this quiz to test yourself on geographical vocabulary.

1. What does the following word mean?
Confluence

- Beginning of a river
- End of a river
- Meeting of rivers
- Stream flowing into a main river

2. What does the following word mean?
Distributary

- Deposits of waterborne rocks
- Diversions of river courses
- Main river branching off small river
- Small river branching off main river

3. What does the following word mean?
Source

- Where the river ends
- Where the river joins a smaller river
- Where the river meets the sea
- Where the river rises

4. What does the following word mean?
Delta

- Triangular deposits and channels at river mouth
- Triangular deposits and channels at river source
- Where the river begins and ends
- Where the river rises and flows

5. What does the following word mean?
Glacier

- A meandering river
- A river bed
- A river of ice
- A rushing river

6. What does the following word mean?
Fjord

- Long, narrow sea inlet
- Shallow crossing place of river
- Site of river bridge
- Wide sea inlet

7. What does the following word mean?
Erosion

- Where a river wears land away
- Where land wears a river away
- Where words are deleted
- Where writing is deleted

8. What does the following word mean?
Anemometer

- A pressure gauge
- A rain gauge
- A temperature gauge
- A wind gauge

9. What does the following word mean?
Scree

- Permanent rocks at base of slope
- Pile of loose stones at base of slope
- Pile of stones on top of cliff
- Rocks on top of cliff

10. What does the following word mean?
Equatorial

- At the equator
- Equal to
- Far from the equator
- Not equal to

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"Confluence" means "meeting"

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"Distributary" is related to "distribute"

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The "source" is the beginning of river. The "mouth" is its end

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As a river nears the sea, it branches out, creating a delta

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Glaciers move!

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A "ford", on the other hand, is a shallow crossing place

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Types of erosion include: corrasion, abrasion, attrition, corrosion

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A barometer measures air pressure

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It's difficult to walk on scree

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"Tropical" means at the tropics of Capricorn or Cancer