

Year 6 Key Knowledge Factsheet - Geography - Rivers

abrasion	the process of scraping or wearing something away
attrition	a process of erosion (e.g. in a river, rocks knock into each other and break into smaller sediment)
biome	a large community of vegetation and wildlife adapted to a specific climate. The five major types of biomes are aquatic, grassland, forest, desert and tundra.
climate zone	areas of the earth with distinct climates
confluence	the junction of two rivers
deforestation	removing or clearing large areas of trees
delta	land formed by deposition of sediment in slower moving water
deposition	when sediment is dropped and adds to land formation
erosion	a process of wearing away (e.g. by the force of the water)
estuary	where a freshwater river meets the sea
floodplain	the area alongside a river which can be flooded when the river overflows
load	the material transported (by the river)
meander	a bend (in the river channel)

river basin	the area of land drained by a river and its tributaries
sediment	matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid (e.g. stones in a river)
source	the start of the river
spring	when water is driven out from under the ground and becomes surface water
tributary	a stream or smaller river which joins a larger one
vegetation belt	an area with distinct plant types determined by the conditions of the area

The Amazon river and Amazon rainforest are located in the northern portion of South America. The rainforest is under threat from **deforestation** and **mining for minerals**.

Why is deforestation happening?



Population



Cattle Grazing



Soya



Mining

