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Key Processes

Erosion: the wearing away of the bed and banks of the river channel

Abrasion: the pebbles being transported wear away the bed and banks of the river channel.

Attrition: The material is knocked about as they are transported, and they gradually become more rounded and reduced in size.

Hydraulic Action: The sheer force of the water by itself can erode the channel.

Corrosion: dissolved material erodes the channel.

Transportation: the river moves material.

Saltation: material bounced along the bed of the river.

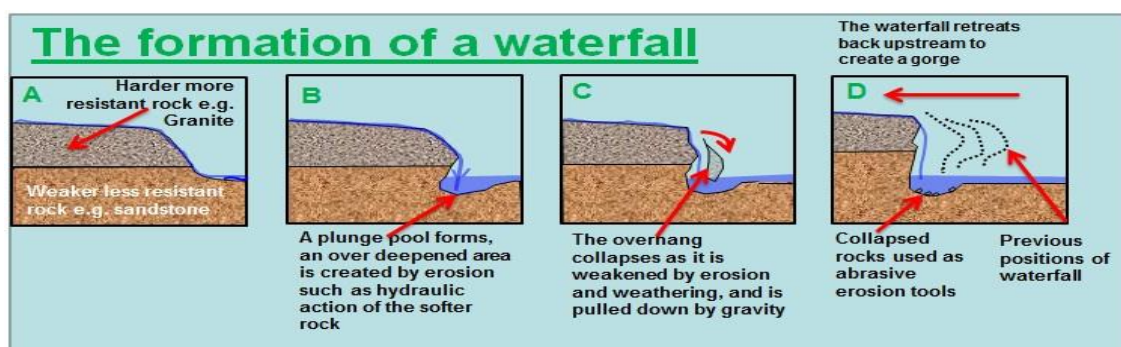
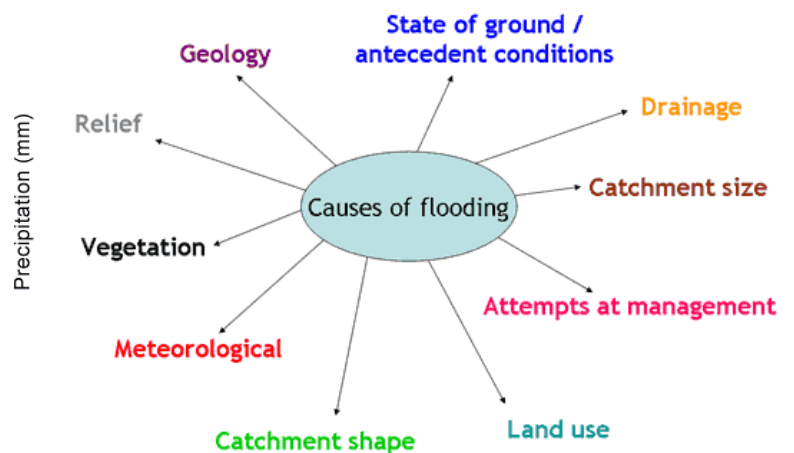
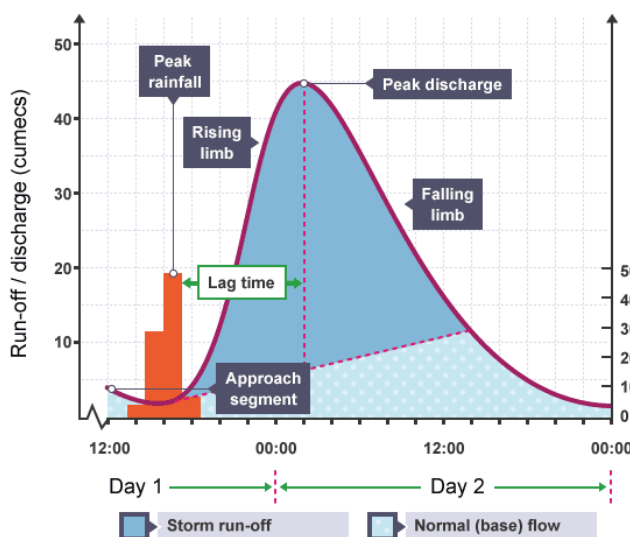
Suspension: fine material carried by the river / floating

Traction: material rolled along the bed of the river.

Solution: dissolved material is carried.

Weathering the break-down or decomposition of rock by biological, physical or chemical processes.

Storm hydrograph



Discharge: The volume of water flowing through a river channel measured in cumecs.

Useful website

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