

Subject	Geography
Unit/Topic	Year 8 - Glaciation

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Glacier	A slow moving river of ice that carve out the landscape as they move down the mountainside.
Ice Age	A period of time when Earth's climate is considerably colder and large parts of the Earth are covered in ice.
Ice sheet	Like a huge glacier which covers a huge area and usually at lower altitudes.
Erosion	Glaciers wear away the land as they move. They do this through plucking rocks away from the land and then abrading the land as the plucked rocks are scraped over the land.
Transportation	Glaciers carry the material downslope.
Deposition	Further downhill the glacier melts and the material it was carrying gets dropped off, either to the side of the glacier or at the end.
Lake District	An example of a landscape shaped by glaciers in the past. Located in North West England.
Corrie	A glacial landform, a hollowed out scoop in the side of a mountain.
Arete	A sharp ridge of rock formed between two corries.
Pyramidal Peak	Where 3 or 4 corries are formed in a mountain side a distinctive pointy mountain top is left. The matterhorn in Switzerland is a very famous Pyramidal peak.
U shaped valley	Where an old river valley has been widened by a glacier with steep sides and a distinctive U shape.
Moraine	Landforms created as the glacier deposits material. Moraines can be lateral (on the side) or terminal (at the end) of the glacier.