

## 4. Glossary of key terms

There are a lot of key terms in this topic. Some terms, such as overland flow and throughflow, are used to describe **how water moves** through a drainage basin. Other key terms, such as water table and water shed, are used to describe the **features of the drainage basin**.

Match each key term below to the correct definition in each of the tables.

**Catchment area**

**Evapotranspiration**

**Groundwater**

**Groundwater flow**

**Impermeable**

**Infiltration**

**Overland flow**

**Permeable**

**Porous**

**Precipitation**

**Throughflow**

**Watershed**

**Water table**

Key terms that describe **how water moves** through a drainage basin.

Key term	Definition
	Water falling from the atmosphere as snow, hail or rain.
	The gradual flow of water through rocks.
	Water flowing downhill through the soil.
	The movement of water into the soil.
	Water flowing across the surface of the ground.
	The loss of water from vegetation into the air.

Key terms that describe **features of the drainage basin**

Key term	Definition
	Water stored in the ground below the water table.
	The area of land that collects water for a river.
	The boundary between different drainage basins.
	The level in the ground below which the air spaces in soil/rocks are full of water.
	Description of a material which allows water to pass through it. An example would be limestone.
	Description of a material which does not allow water to pass through it. An example would be clay.
	Description of a material which is able to store water in the many pores (tiny gaps) within it. An example would be chalk or sandstone.