

# floodgates

## Definition

n. 1 something that restrains a flood or outpouring; 2 regulator consisting of a valve or gate that controls the rate of water flow through a sluice

## Example Sentence

**Floodgates** may be used to lower the water levels in a river. Spelled as 1 word.

## Synonyms

sluiceway; sluice valve; water gate; head gate

## Antonyms

ocean

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