



Year 3 Rivers Reading Booklet

Lesson Sequence:

1. What is a river?
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Lesson 1

What is a River?

A river is a large, natural (not man-made) stream of water that flows in a channel to either the sea, a lake or another river. Humans all over the world have used rivers for travel, trade, growing food, drinking and bathing throughout history, which is why so many cities have rivers close by.



Lesson 2

Rivers of Europe

The longest river in Europe is in Russia - the River Volga. Some rivers flow through more than one country like the River Danube, which starts in Germany and then flows through ten other countries! The Longest river in England is the River Thames, which is shorter than many in Europe because we live on an Island



Lesson 3

Rivers of Africa

The Longest river in Africa is the River Nile, which flows through Egypt and is very important for trade in the country. There has been a disagreement for years as to



whether the River Nile is the longest river in the world, or if its the Amazon river because people can't agree where the source is.

Lesson 4

Rivers of Asia!

Asia has many important rivers, including the third longest in the world, the River Yangtze. Did you know that Yangtze river actually means 'long river'? Another fact about this river is that it has the world's largest hydropower station - the Three Gorges Dam which makes electricity from the flowing water.



Lesson 5

Rivers of Australia, South America and North America.

The River Amazon (South America), the Mississippi River (North America) and the Murray River (Australia) are all major rivers. The Amazon river, which flows through the Amazon Rainforest, is very important for trade in the small villages along it, as well as for thousands of animals, like the pink dolphin, who rely on it for food.

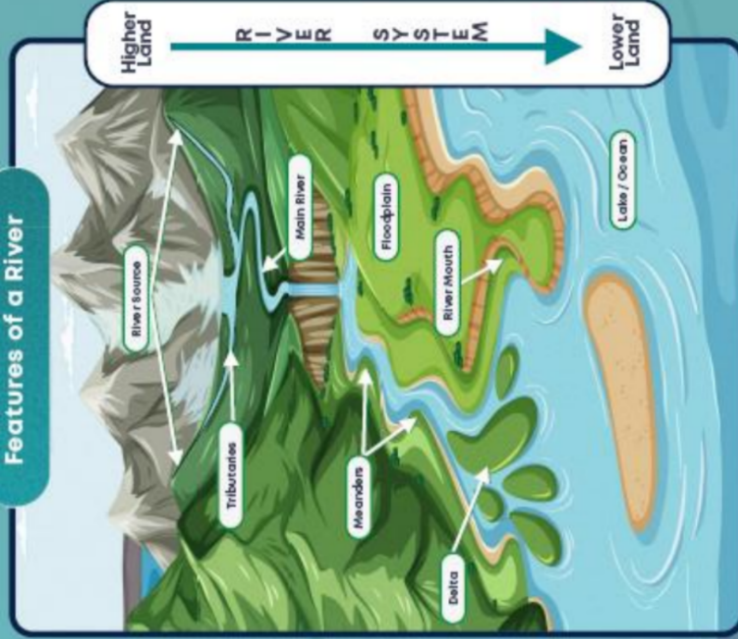




KEY VOCABULARY

River	A large natural stream of water that flows into lakes or into the sea
River source	The start of the river, usually on high ground
Stream	A small, narrow river
Tributaries	A stream or lots of streams that join together into a river
Estuary	The area where a river widens and meets the sea
Mouth of a river	The end of a river, where the sea begins
River basin/ drainage basin	The area of land from which water has drained into a river
Watershed	The edge of a river basin
Waterway	A route within a river that is used by people for travelling along, for pleasure, for travel or for trade

Features of a River



River Thames	River Danube	River Nile	River Ganges	River Amazon	The Murray
Europe	Europe	Africa	Asia	South America	Australia