

## RIVERS — Key vocabulary



river

A large amount of fresh water flowing continuously in a large line across land.



settlements

Places people live such as villages and towns.



stream

A small body of flowing water.



meander

A winding curve or bend in the river.



tributary

Where one river meets another and merges together.



source

The beginning of a stream of water.



mouth

The end of a river where it flows into the sea.



water cycle

The continuous recycling process of water.



bridges

A structure to cross a river.

## Key Questions and Facts

Which rivers do you know? Where are they?

The River Thames runs through southern England, including London.

Which rivers are near where we live?

The River Severn flows from the mountains in Wales and ends by flowing into the Bristol Channel. The Rivers Avon and Frome also flow through Bristol.

What are the similarities and differences between the River Severn and the Nile?

The River Severn is the longest in England, but the River Nile is the longest in the world!  
The River Nile passes through 11 countries and ends in the Mediterranean Sea. It flows through deserts, providing rich fertile soil, rather than fields/countryside like the River Severn.

What are the key parts of a river?

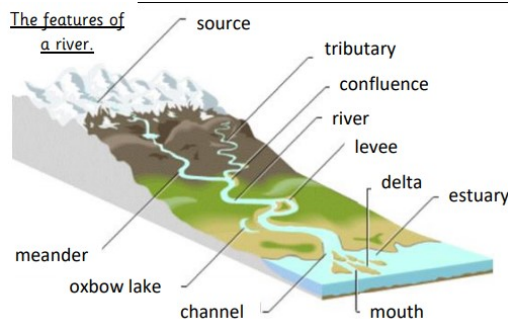


Why do people often settle by rivers?

Early settlers often settled by rivers because it provided them with a method of transporting goods (on boats). The soil surrounding rivers is also very fertile. Rivers were also important for drinking, cleaning and bathing.

What is the purpose of bridges? How is their design important?

Bridges allow people/vehicles to cross a river. There are different types of bridges (beam, cantilever, suspension, arch). Triangles are often used as they provide strength.



## Links to Prior Learning

We will be looking back at the Thames river that we learnt about in our Great Fire of London topic. We will continue to develop our map skills by locating continents, countries and rivers on different maps. We will be researching the River Nile which will link to future learning during our Egyptians topic.