

Key Vocabulary	
meander	A bend in a river.
tributary	A stream or river that feeds into a larger watercourse.
oxbow lake	A small arc shaped lake formed when a meander is sealed off due to deposition.
source	Where a river begins.
mouth	The 'end' of the river (where it meets the sea, a lake or a larger waterway)
channel	A groove in the land where a river flows.
valley	A long trough in a landscape that has been eroded by a river or glaciers.
erosion	Wearing away, in this case by water / rocks constantly rubbing.
deposition	A river laying down the sediment or material it is carrying i.e. sand, mud, sticks or stones.
weir	A low dam built across a river to raise the level of a river or to regulate its flow.
waterfall	A place where the river travels over a large step.
confluence	Where two rivers or streams meet.
discharge	The amount of water flowing in a river per second.
evaporation	Water turning from water (liquid) to steam (gas) as a result of heating up.
condensation	Water turning from steam (gas) to water (liquid) as a result of cooling.
delta	A fan shaped area of sediment built up at the mouth of a river.
precipitation	Any water particles that fall from the sky (rain, hail, sleet, snow etc.)
floodplain	Flat area next to a river where the flood water goes.

Famous Rivers	
Thames	Britain's most famous river. Flows through London.
Nile	The longest river in the world at 4,160 miles long. Flows through Africa and Egypt, particularly.
Amazon	The second longest river in the world. Flows through 7 countries in South America. Despite being 4000 miles long, there are no bridges.
Ganges	Flows through India and Bangladesh, it is sacred to Hindus despite being heavily polluted.
Yangtze	3,915 miles long, it flows through China. It's the longest river in Asia and the third longest in the world. It has more than 700 tributaries.
Indus	Flows through Pakistan, India and China for 1,790 miles.
Mississippi	Flows through ten states in the USA. It is more than 7 miles wide in places.
Kennet	45 miles long, the Kennet enters the Thames in Reading as its largest tributary. The source is near Marlborough in Wiltshire.

