

Rivers of the World



What Can You Remember?



What is the source?

The source is the place where a river starts.

What is the mouth?

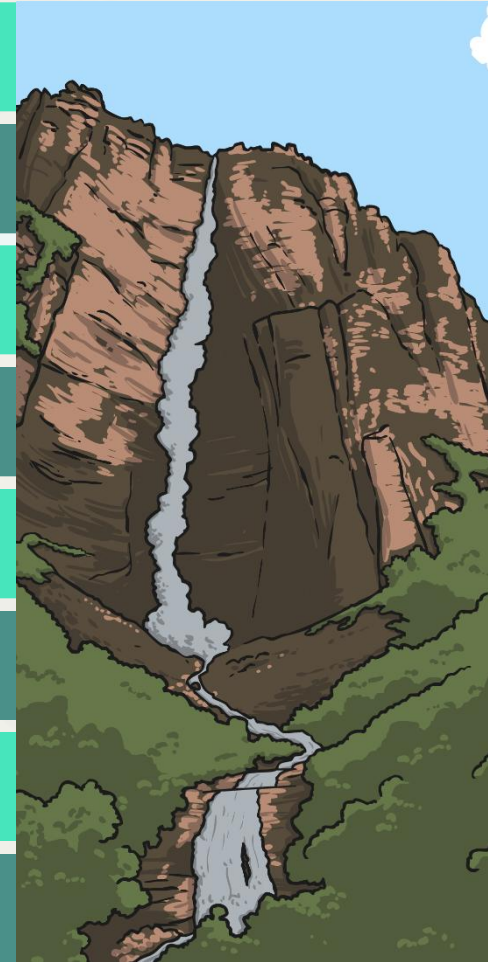
The mouth is where a river flows into the sea.

Where do most rivers start?

Most rivers start in high ground or in the mountains.

Do all rivers flow directly into the sea?

No – some flow into other rivers or into lakes.



Joining Together

Many rivers join up with the River Thames. They are called tributaries.



Where Do I Start and Where Do I Go?



Activity

Now it's your turn to find out about some of the world's great rivers.

For each river, find out:

- Where it starts (the source)
- Where it ends (the mouth)
- Where it passes through (course)

Can you identify any of its tributaries?

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River	Source	Mouth	Countries on its course	Length (km)
Amazon				
Congo				
Ganges				
Indus				
Loire				
Mississippi				
Narmey				
Nile				
Ob				
Yangtze				

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Amazon						
Congo						
Ganges						
Indus						
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Mississippi						
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The Longest or the Biggest?



Questions

1. Which is the longest river in the world?
2. Which is the biggest?

The biggest river has the greatest discharge – the greatest amount of water flowing along it per second.

Click the arrows above the table to re-organise the information.

River	Length (km)	Discharge (m ³ /s)
Amazon	6,437	209,000
Congo	4,700	41,000
Mississippi	3,734	16,700
Ob	3,650	12,475
Nile	6,853	2,830