



Geography - Year 5

Do we need to respect our rivers?



Vocabulary	Definition	Picture
river	A moving body of water that drains the land. It flows from its source on high ground, across land and into another body of water such as a lake, the sea, an ocean or even another river. A river flows along a channel with banks on both sides and a bed at the bottom.	
source	The place where a river begins	
mouth	The point where a river joins the sea.	
erode	Rocks and other river materials are picked up by the water and moved to another place along the river.	

pollution	River pollution is a type of water pollution where the water within the river is contaminated. This is due to human activities.	
deposit	When rocks and other materials that have been eroded are dropped off further along the river.	
upper course	Rain falling on high ground collects in channels and flows downwards forming a stream. Streams run downhill and join other streams, increasing in size and speed, forming a river. The river here flows quickly and the channel has steep sides and runs through valleys. Features include - waterfalls and rapids.	
middle course	Fast flowing water causes erosion making the river deeper and wider. Features include - meanders	
Lower Course	Rivers flow with less force due to being on flat land. The river deposits the eroded material that it has carried. Riverbanks have shallower sides. Features include - floodplains, deltas and estuaries.	



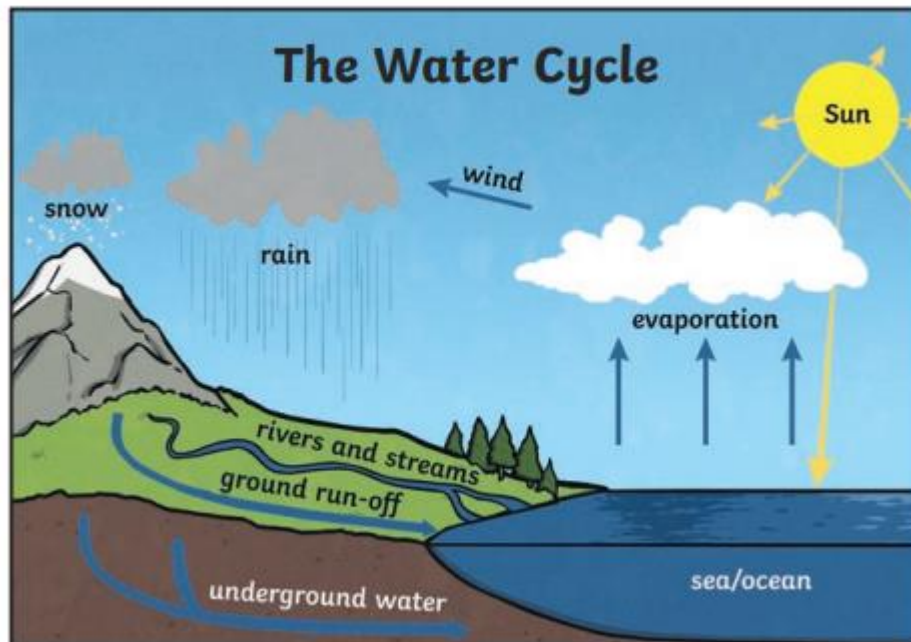
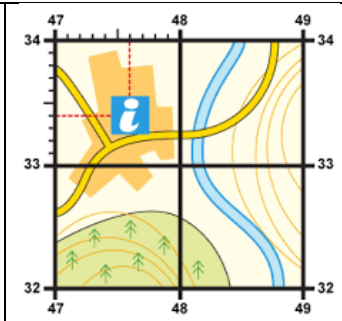
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Grid reference

A system used to find specific points on a map.





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Sticky Knowledge:

Locational knowledge

- I know our local river is the River Thames and passes through the South of England.
Our local river is called it passes through.....
- I know there are lots of rivers in the United Kingdom, such as the River Tyne in the North of England and The Wye in Wales.
Another river in the UK is....
- I know the longest river in the world is the Nile in Africa.
The longest river in the world is

Human Geography

- I know humans settle near rivers because they can be used as transport links, the soil is fertile and they are a water source.
Humans settle near rivers because rivers are..... (write 3 reasons)
- I know humans can pollute rivers by littering and sewage.
How do humans pollute the river?

Physical geography

- I know a river is a physical feature and starts with a source and ends with a mouth.
The start of the river is called
The end of a river is called

- I know a fast-flowing river will carry soil and dirt from its banks and bed downstream and drop them when it gets wider and slows down due to erosion, transportation and deposition.

When a fast-moving river carries soil and dirt from its banks, it causes.....

- I know many rivers and streams will join together before they reach the mouth of the river. The smaller rivers and streams are called tributaries.

Streams and small rivers that join together before reaching the mouth of a big river are called ...

- I know that rivers are part of the water cycle. The water evaporates from the rivers and forms the rain.

How does a river form part of the water cycle?
The river forms part of the water cycle by ...

Geographical enquiry skills and fieldwork

- I can use a key to locate a river on a map
- I can use a six figure grid reference to locate a river on an OS map.