

What should I already know?

There are different water features found on the Earth such as lakes, oceans, seas and rivers.

There are rivers in our local area.

The names of some key rivers around the world.



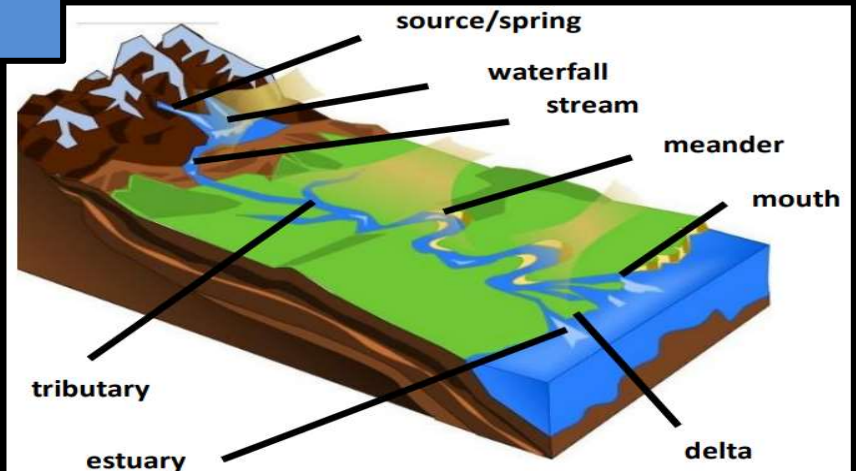
Y4: Rivers

Key Knowledge

Rivers are natural streams of fresh water that flow into seas, oceans and lakes. Rivers play a vital role in shaping the landscape, providing water, and supporting various human activities.

Rivers have historically been important for transporting people and goods. The River Bollin is the local river which flows through Sutton and Macclesfield. The River Thames is the longest river in England, flowing through London. The River Severn is the longest river in the United Kingdom, running through Wales and England.

Features of a River



Key Vocabulary

Delta	A triangular-shaped area of land formed at the mouth of a river, where the river splits into smaller channels.
Estuary	The wide, lower part of a river where it meets the sea.
Lake	A large body of water surrounded by land – not part of the ocean.
Meander	A curve or bend in a river's channel.
Mouth	The place where a river meets a sea, lake, or another river.
River	A large, flowing body of water that moves towards a sea, lake, or another river.
Sea	A huge body of salt water.
Source	The starting point of a river, usually high ground like a mountain or hill.
Stream	A small river.
Tributary	A smaller river or stream that flows into a larger river.

Rivers of the UK

