

River Quiz

1. Where can the water in a river come from? (*TIP there are a possible 6 answers)
Many rivers are formed when rain flows down from hills but sometimes the source is a lake, sometimes it is a marsh or a bog and sometimes it is a spring where water comes up from the ground; sometimes a glacier
2. Do rivers flow downhill or uphill?
Rivers flow downhill from their source.
3. The start of a river is call the _____.
The start of a river is called the source and the end is called the mouth.
4. What feature of a river is furthest from the mouth?
The source
5. What is the name for the smaller rivers and streams that join the main river channel?
The smaller rivers and streams are called tributaries.
6. Why can floods sometimes be helpful?
Floods deposit nutrients from the water on the flooded land. This makes land that floods good for farming on.
7. How is an Ox bow lake formed?
An oxbow lake forms when a curve, or meander, in a river pinches shut. The river follows a new, shorter course and a lake forms beside the river.
8. What is the sandy, rocky or muddy bottom of the river called?
The riverbed is the bottom of a river.
9. What direction is the Current of a river, where is it fastest?
Water always flows downhill; the steeper the ground is, the stronger the current will be.
10. What is the name of the wide muddy or sandy area where some rivers meet the sea?
The Delta
11. What is the process which damages the riverbanks and washes the land downstream?
Erosion
12. What is the effect of erosion?
It makes the river wider.
13. How would you describe an Estuary?
The area where a river reaches the ocean and the river and ocean mix. Estuaries are normally wide and flat.