

# Rivers Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
Source	The original point from which the river flows.
Flood plain	An area of land that is covered in water when the river bursts its banks.
Erosion	This is where rocks and other river materials are picked up by the water and moved to another place along the river.
Meander	The natural bends in a river formed by erosion.
Oxbow lake	An area of water that is formed when a meander from a stream or river is cut off to form a lake.
Tributaries	Rivers that join up with another river.
Confluence	The junction of two rivers.
Estuary	The tidal mouth of a river, where the tide meets the stream.
Delta	A landform that is formed at the mouth of a river.
Mouth	The point where a river joins the sea.
Current	The flow of the river.
Basin	An area of land that drains into a particular river or its tributaries.
River bed	A channel occupied by a river.
Tide	The alternate rising and falling of the sea.





## Prior Learning

In Year 2, you looked at how human and physical features are shown on a map with symbols and keys.

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<p>Space, place and scale</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Locate features and places on a map using the 8 points of a compass, grid references symbols and a key.</li> <li>* Use four or six figure grid references and keys on a map to describe locations and places.</li> <li>*Use a map to name and locate significant rivers explaining their importance.</li> <li>*Identify river basins on a relief map.</li> </ul>
<p>Physical Geography</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Rivers are physical features of the land. Physical features are formed naturally and can change over time due to erosion and weathering.</li> <li>* Rivers have many physical aspects including the source of the river, meanders, oxbow lakes, tributaries, deltas, the riverbed and the mouth of the river.</li> <li>* The River Trent runs through Nottingham. The source of the Trent is in Biddulph Moor, Staffordshire and the mouth flows in to the Humber Estuary.</li> <li>*Rivers are an important part of the water cycle.</li> </ul>
<p>Human Geography</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Rivers provide habitats for wildlife.</li> <li>*Rivers can be used for leisure (fishing, water sports etc)</li> <li>*Rivers are used by industry and can provide water through reservoirs and power.</li> <li>*Rivers are an important part of tourism.</li> </ul>
<p>Change &amp; Sustainability</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*As a physical feature, rivers change a landscape over time.</li> <li>*Pollution of rivers can cause problems for both humans and wildlife.</li> </ul>



Trent Bridge over the River Trent in Nottingham



A diagram showing the meanders of a river, oxbow lake and a flood plain.



The source of a river.