

What is a River?

In today's lesson you are going to think about what you know about rivers and use an atlas to help locate some famous rivers around the World.



What is a River?

- Imagine you had to describe a river to an alien...
- ...what would you say?
- Have a go!

A river is...

In your learning journal, draw a table like this and fill it in with what you already know about rivers and what you would like to find out.


Rivers

What I know

Questions I have

What I have learned

You will fill this in at the end of our work on Rivers



What is a River?

Watch this clip giving you some quick facts about rivers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgYYzSXPmPo>




Famous Rivers

An aerial photograph of a wide river delta. The river branches into several channels, some of which meander through the landscape. The surrounding area is a mix of green fields, forests, and a small town with buildings. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

- I would like you to use either google maps or an atlas that you have at home to try to locate the rivers shown on the next slide. Can you see how they get wider as they reach the sea?
- You then need to record which country they are in and which sea or ocean they flow into.
- You can either print out the sheet provided or write them in your learning journal.

Can I use an atlas to locate some of the World's greatest rivers?

Name of River 	Country (or countries)	Which sea or ocean do they flow to?
Thames		
Mississippi		
Yangtze		
Colorado		
Amazon		
Yellow River		
Mekong		
Rio Grande		
Severn		
Trent		
Nile		
Zambezi		
Ganges		