






Features of a River








Vocabulary	Definition	Vocabulary	Definition
Source	Where the river begins.	River	A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake or another river.
Tributaries	Streams or rivers that join the main river channel.	Estuary	An area where the river meets the sea or ocean.
Downstream	Water always flows downhill towards the sea.	Mouth of the river	The end of the river where it empties into a large body of water.
Current	The strength and speed of the river.	Meander	A bend in the river.
Riverbank	Land by the side of the river.	Course	The journey the river makes from source to mouth.
Riverbed	The bottom of the river.	Floodplain	A flat, low-lying area along the river, that gets covered with water when the river overflows.
Stream	A small, narrow river.	Confluence	Where two rivers meet.

Longest rivers of the UK

				
River Sever 354 km	River Thames 346 km	River Trent 298 km	River Great Ouse 230 km	River Wye 215 km

Longest rivers of the world

				
Nile 6,650 km	Amazon River 6,400 km	Yangtze 6,300 km	Yellow River 5,464 km	Paraná River 4,880 km