



Year 3 Parakeets

Geography

Spring 1



## Rivers

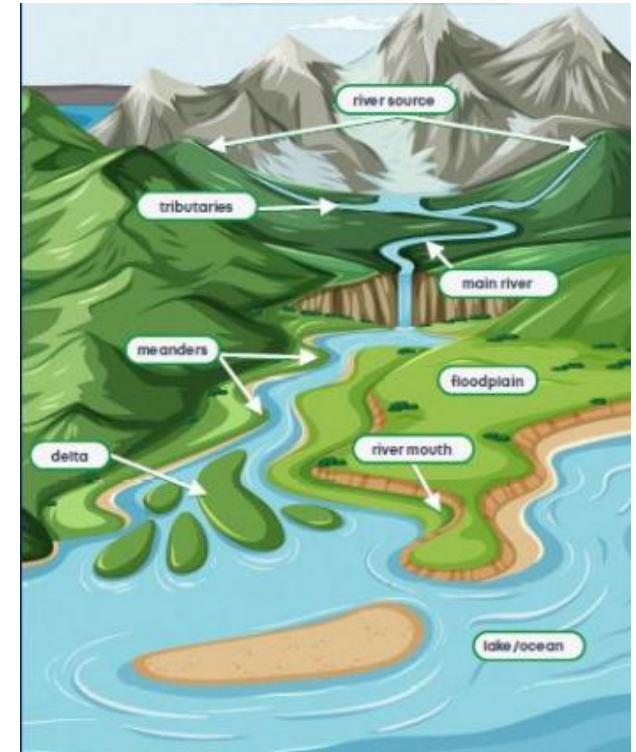
| Key Vocabulary          | Definition   |
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| <b>Bank</b>             | The land at the side of a river.   |
| <b>Basin</b>            | An area of land drained by a river.  |
| <b>Confluence</b>       | The point where two rivers join together   |
| <b>Current</b>          | The strength and speed of a river.   |
| <b>Dam</b>              | A barrier across a river that blocks flowing water   |
| <b>Delta</b>            | A wetland area formed when a river empties its water and sediment into the sea                         |
| <b>Erosion</b>          | Where rocks and earth wear away, changing the shape of the land.                                       |
| <b>Estuary</b>          | The area where a river widens and meets the sea  |
| <b>Floodplain</b>       | The flat area around a river that often gets flooded when the level of water in the river is high.     |
| <b>Gorge</b>            | A deep, narrow valley with steep sides, usually formed by a river cutting through hard rock.           |
| <b>Meander</b>          | A curve or bend in a stream of river   |
| <b>Mouth of a river</b> | The end of a river where the sea begins  |
| <b>Rapids</b>           | A fast flowing river and turbulent part of the river.  |
| <b>River</b>            | A large natural stream of water that flows into lakes or seas.   |
| <b>River basin</b>      | The area of and from which water has drained into a river  |
| <b>River source</b>     | The start of the river, usually on high ground   |
| <b>Stream</b>           | A small narrow river   |
| <b>Tributaries</b>      | A stream or lots of streams that join together into a river  |
| <b>Watershed</b>        | The edge of a river basin  |
| <b>Waterway</b>         | A route within a river that is used by people for travelling along, for pleasure, travel or for trade. |

### Features of a river

Higher  
land

River system  
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Lower  
land



### Importance of rivers

Throughout history, rivers have been used for travel and trading, providing a water source for crops, and fresh water for people to bathe in and drink.

#### Rivers of the world

##### Europe

River Thames, London



##### Africa

River Nile, Egypt



##### Asia

River Ganges, India



##### South America

Amazon River, Brazil



##### Europe

Little Ouse, Brandon



##### Australia

River Murray, Australia

