



Facts for Life

1. A river's source is where it begins and are usually found somewhere elevated, such as a spring on a hillside.
2. As rivers flow, they erode (or wear away) the land, which over a long period of time creates valleys, or gorges and canyons.
3. The longest river in the world is the River Nile in Egypt.

Key Vocabulary

Estuary	An estuary is an area where a freshwater river or stream meets the ocean
Mouth	A river mouth is the part of a river where the river flows into another river, a lake, a reservoir, a sea, or an ocean.
source	The source of a river is where it begins, usually in high ground.
Erosion	Erosion occurs when the fastest currents in the river carve intensely into the banks.
Meander	A meander is a winding curve or bend in a river
deposition	Rocks and sediments eroded from one part of the river is deposited in another part
Waterfall	Waterfalls form where water rushes down steep hillsides in upland areas and erodes the rocks.
tributary	When one stream meets another and merge together, the smaller stream is known as a tributary
delta	Deltas are often found at the mouth of large rivers
stream	A stream is a small body of flowing water.
Ox bow lake	Ox bow lakes are created when the meander is so deep that it cuts off a piece of the meander.

