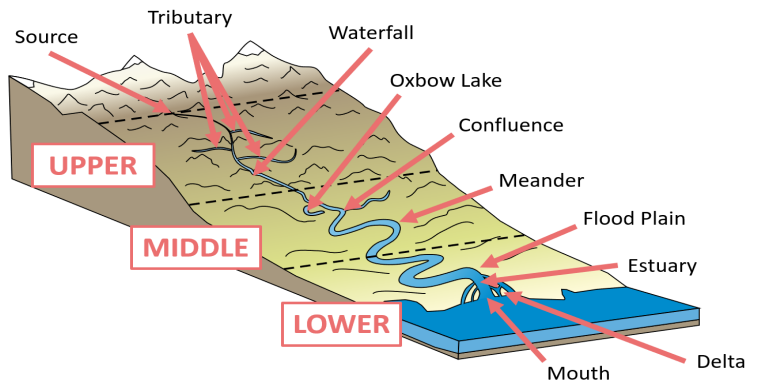


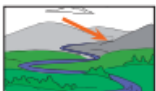
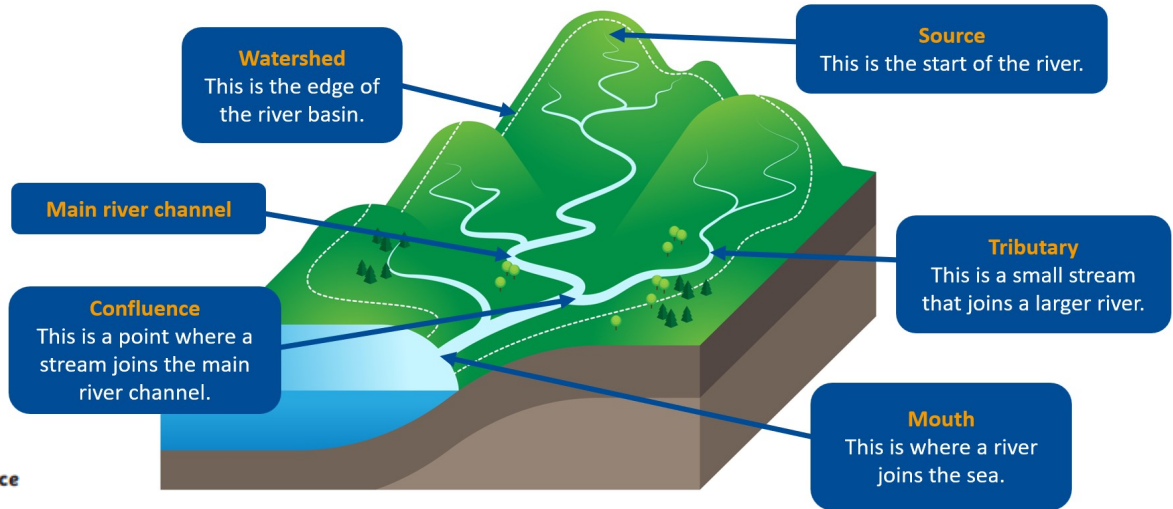
Found in northeast Africa, the Nile has long been recognised as the longest river in the world – stretching a massive 6,695km. By comparison, the longest river in the UK is the river Severn, at just 220 miles in length. It begins in Wales and enters the Atlantic Ocean near Bristol in England.

Other major rivers include the Thames, which flows through Oxford and London, and the Trent and Mersey rivers, which drain rainfall from large areas of central England



Rivers

Features of a River Basin



Source



Tributary



Waterfall



Confluence



Flood plain



Meander



Oxbow lake



Estuary



Delta



Mouth

Vocabulary	
River	a flowing, moving stream of water
Stream	A small, fast flow of water
Canal	Man made body of water used by people for transporting goods and leisure
Lakes	Large bodies of water that are surrounded by land and are not part of an ocean
Source	Where the river begins its journey.
Tributary	A small river or stream that meets a river
Mouth	Where the river enters the sea
Confluence	Where two rivers meet
Meander	A winding bend in a river
Estuary	The last section of a river before the sea
Water cycle	The journey of water on earth
Waterfall	Where a river or stream flows over a steep drop
Oxbow lake	Where a lake is created in the bend of a river but has been cut off
River basin	The total area of land around a river from source to sea.