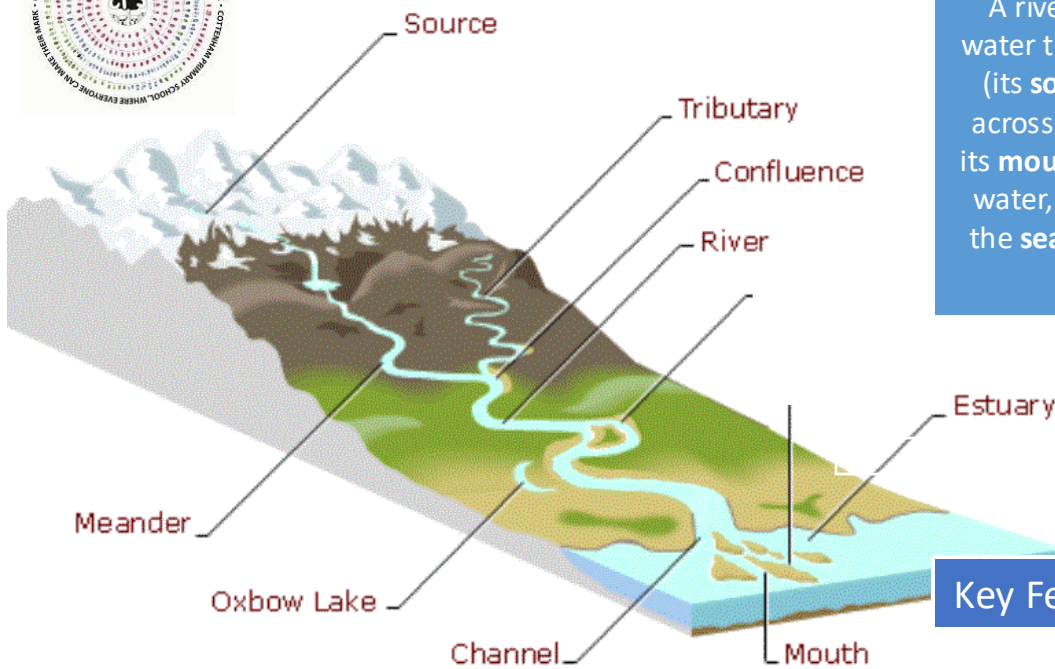


Year 4 Knowledge Organiser Geography - Rivers



A river is a moving body of water that flows from the start (its **source**) on high ground, across land, and then ends at its **mouth** into another body of water, which could be a **lake**, the sea, an ocean or another river.

Key Features of a River

Tier 3 Vocabulary

River course	The journey of a river divided into three sections (courses): upper, middle and lower.
Channel	The path of a river (where the water flows).
Riverbed	The bottom of a river.
Riverbanks	The two sides of a river.
River basin	The area of land from which all water flows into a particular river.
Floodplain	The area around the river which is covered at times of flood.
Valley	A low area of land between hills or mountains, with a river or stream flowing along the bottom.

Rivers of the World - Rivers flow through every continent of the world.

River Nile	The longest river in the world - 6,650 km.
River Amazon	The widest river in the world; carries more water than any other river.
River Severn	The longest river in UK - 354 km.
River Thames	The longest river in England - 346 km; flows through London.
River Cam	The main river through Cambridge.

Year 1/2 Geography: Geography of the Fens/Cambridge

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