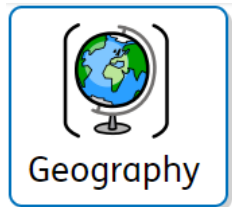




What are rivers and how are they formed?



Prior learning: What is it like to live by the coast?

What we are learning

Lesson 1: What is the water cycle?	Lesson 2: How is a river formed?	Lesson 3: Where can we find rivers?	Lesson 4: How are rivers used?	Lesson 5: What can we find out about our local river?	Lesson 6: What features do our local river have?
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Key vocabulary

Water cycle	The never-ending movement of water from water stores, into the air and back down to the ground.	
Precipitation	Water that falls from clouds to the ground, including rain, sleet, snow and hail.	
Evaporation	The process in which warm water turns from a liquid to a gas in the air (water vapour).	
Groundwater	Water that is stored underground in the soil.	
Meander	A curve in a river.	
River mouth	The place where a river enters a lake, larger river, or the ocean	
Oxbow lake	A curve in a river that has been detached and no longer runs.	
Flooding	The covering or submerging of normally dry land with a large amount of water.	
River source	The start of the river.	

