

# Raging Rivers

Many rivers start life as a tiny stream high up a mountain. The river begins at the source, which could be a natural spring, melted ice and snow, or rainwater running down the land. Most rivers meet the sea at the mouth of the river.

## Glossary

**confluence** - where two rivers join.

**dam** - a wall that is built in order to stop water flow.

**deposition** - a process in which layers of substance are formed.

**erosion** - gradual destruction and removal of rock or soil.

**estuary** - a wide part of the river where it joins the sea.

**floodplain** - a flat area of land around a river.

**meander** - a large bend in a river.

**mouth** - where a river joins into the sea or a lake.

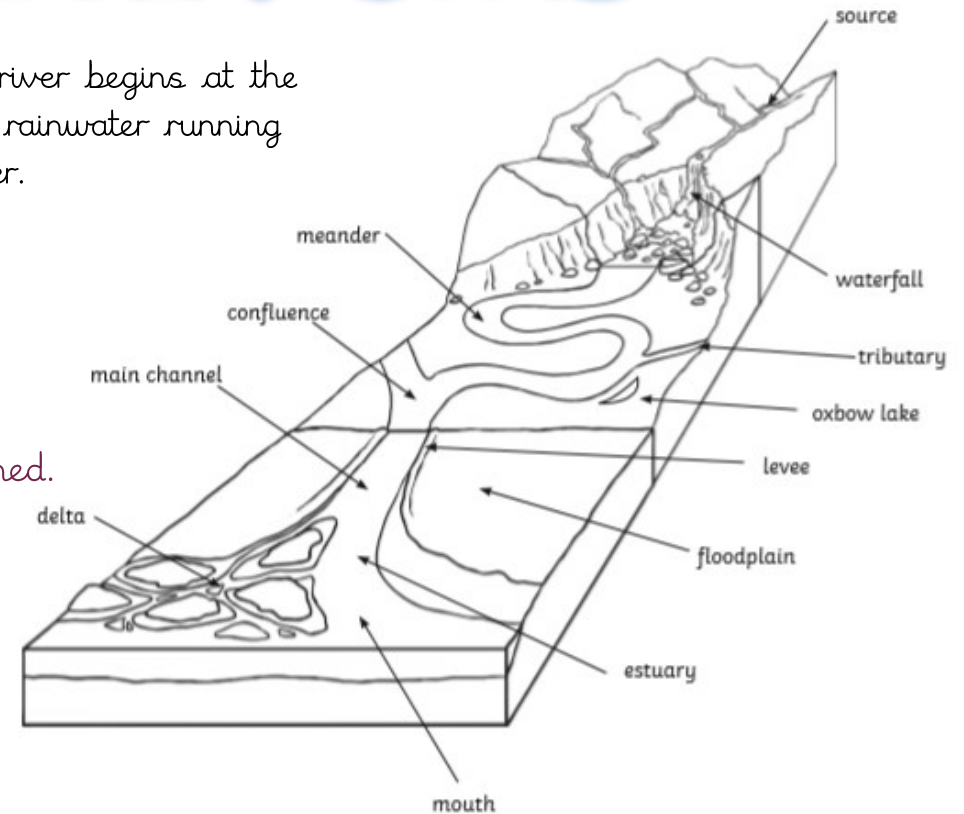
**reservoir** - a lake used for storing water supplied to people.

**source** - the beginning of a river, usually on high ground.

**tributary** - a stream or river which flows into a larger one.

**valley** - an area between two hills or mountains.

**waterfall** - water flowing over a steep edge or cliff.



Some of the longest rivers in the United Kingdom are:

- 1) The River Severn (354.km)
- 2) The River Thames (346.km)
- 3) The River Trent (298.km)

# The River Wensum



## Interesting facts:

- The River Wensum begins in northwest Norfolk between the villages of Colkirk and Whissonsett.
- The Wensum is a tributary of the river Yare, where it ends.
- The city of Norwich was founded on the river Wensum.
- The river passes Norwich City F.C. and one end of the grounds was originally named "The River End".
- The river is a biological site of special scientific interest.
- It has over 100 species of plants and many different types of animal.

# The River Rhine



## Interesting Facts:

- Source: The River Rhine starts in Switzerland where it begins its journey across Europe.
- It travels through many countries: Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, France and the Netherlands.
- It contains the most powerful waterfall in Europe: The Rhine Falls.
- In Germany, it passes through the Rhine Gorge: a steep valley known for its castles and vineyards.
- The mouth of the river is in the Netherlands, where it joins the North Sea.
- It runs for over 1232km (766 miles) across 6 different countries.