

Rivers

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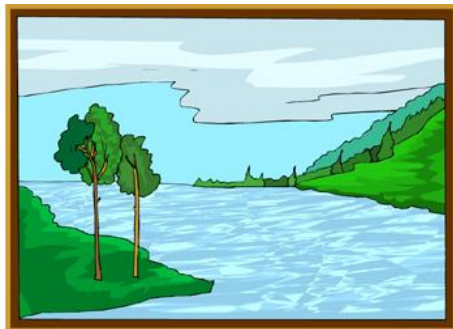
rapids	riverbanks	mouth	source
channel	flood	lake	ocean
flows	low	transportation	riverbed
dry up	water	tributaries	waterfalls

A river is a body of water that _____ from high ground to _____ ground. The beginning of a river is called the _____. As a river flows down, other smaller rivers called _____ join it and it becomes bigger.

The river flows in its _____. The bottom of the river is called the _____. The sides of the river are called the _____. Usually, the river stays in its channel but sometimes, after heavy rains, the river overflows its banks and there is a _____. At other times, during the summer or during a drought, some rivers _____ completely and people can walk on the riverbed.

The river usually flows down to a _____ or an _____. The place where the river meets the larger body of water is the end of the river and is called the _____.

Sometimes rivers flow very fast over rocks. These areas, which are called _____, are dangerous for boats. And sometimes, rivers flow over cliffs forming beautiful _____.



Rivers are very important for civilization.

They provide _____ for drinking and irrigation. As well, they were important routes for _____ by boats in the past.