

Year 3
Spring 1
Lesson 1

World Rivers



Prior Assessment

Multiple-Choice Quiz

Rivers and Settlements			
1. The source of a river is		The end of the river	
		A waterfall	
		The start of the river	
		The type of water in the river	
2. The mouth of the river is		The place where the tributaries meet	
		Where the river eats fish	
		The start of the river	
		The end of the river	
3. The Yangtze River is the:		Largest dam in the world	
		Longest river in the UK	
		Longest river in Asia	
		Smallest Dam in the world	
4. The Nile is located in which continent?		Asia	
		Africa	
		North America	
		Australia	
5. The Amazon is located in which continent?		South America	
		Asia	
		Europe	
		France	
6. We live in in what type of settlement?		Urban	
		Rural	

Prior Learning

What is a river?
Can you name any?

In Year 2 you learnt about the
River Nile in Egypt.



Our Knowledge Organiser

Year 3 Rivers and Settlements

Key Vocabulary	
source	The start of the river, usually on high ground.
stream	A narrow river
tributaries	A stream or lots of streams that merge into a river.
estuary	The area where a river meets the sea.
mouth of a river	The end of a river, where the sea begins.
river basin/drainage basin	The area of land from which water has drained into a river.
watershed	The edge of a river basin.
Settlements	A place where people live.
Urban	Urban areas have lots of buildings and roads. A large amount of people live here.
Rural	The countryside.



River Nile
Africa



The Yangtze
Asia



The Murray
Australia



The Danube
Europe



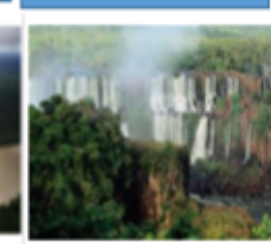
River Rea
Birmingham
(UK- Europe)



Mississippi
North America



Amazon
South America



Iguazu
South America

Key Vocabulary

Urban

Rural

River

Sea

Transport

Trade

Source

Stream

Tributary

Estuary

Drainage basin

Mouth

L.O: To know about the different stages of a river and how they are helpful to people

Success Criteria:

- I have drawn a river and labelled the source at the beginning and estuary at the end
- I have labelled tributaries, drainage basin and waterfalls on my diagram
- I have explained how the water flows at the different stages, and shown how the river gets wider as it travels towards the sea

Here are today's key words:

Urban	Source
Rural	Stream
river	Tributary
Sea	Estuary
Transport	Drainage basin
Trade	Mouth

Talk Task

What is the meaning of Urban?

What is the meaning of Rural?

Urban means living in a town.

Rural means living in the countryside.



Teach

Wherever you live, it is quite likely that you live near a river.

Through the ages, people have often built their houses near to a river, because it can be useful in lots of ways:

- For travel
- For bathing
- Growing crops
- Provides drinking water

Teach

People can drink water and grow crops from rivers as it is fresh water. Water in the sea is salt water which is not good for drinking or growing crops. Also, when rivers flood and recede, they leave behind rich soil which is ideal for growing crops.

Where lots of food can be grown, a civilisation can develop. Many of the world's great civilisations - ancient Egypt, ancient Mesopotamia, India and China - started near a river.



Teach

Before there were any trains, buses, cars or planes, travelling by boat on a river used to be one of the best way to get around.



The rivers acted as a transport link. This was important for people who made a living buying and selling things to other people-we call this 'trade' and these people 'traders' or 'merchants'.

Teach

Today we don't need to worry about this, but a long time ago being close to a river would have been very important.

This is why so many cities and towns are near big rivers.

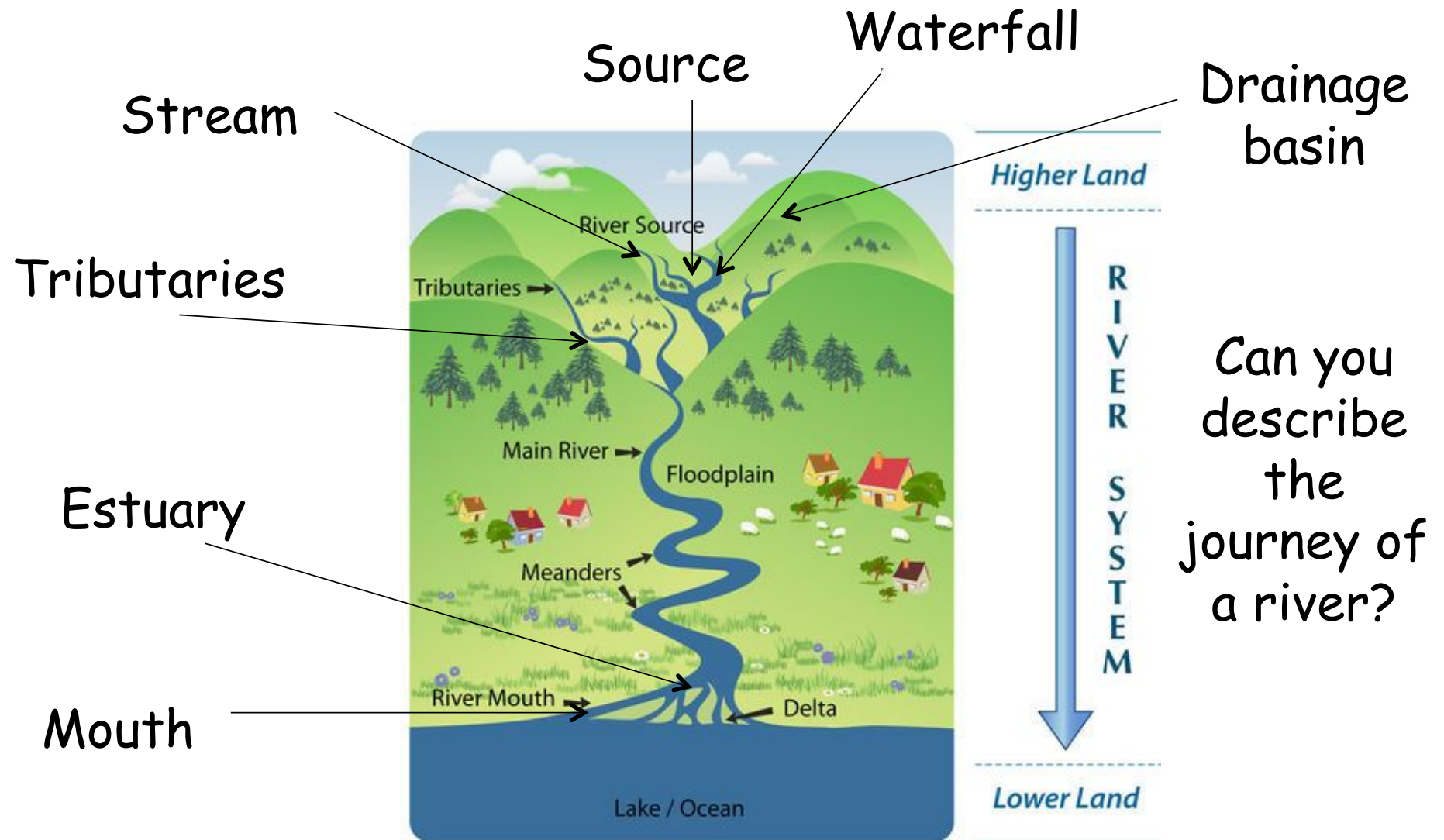
- London is on the River Thames
- Liverpool is on the River Mersey
- Newcastle is on the River Tyne



Do you know which river is near Birmingham?

Teach

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7w8pg8>



Task

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**Have a go at drawing your own river.
Can you add the following labels?**

Source

Stream

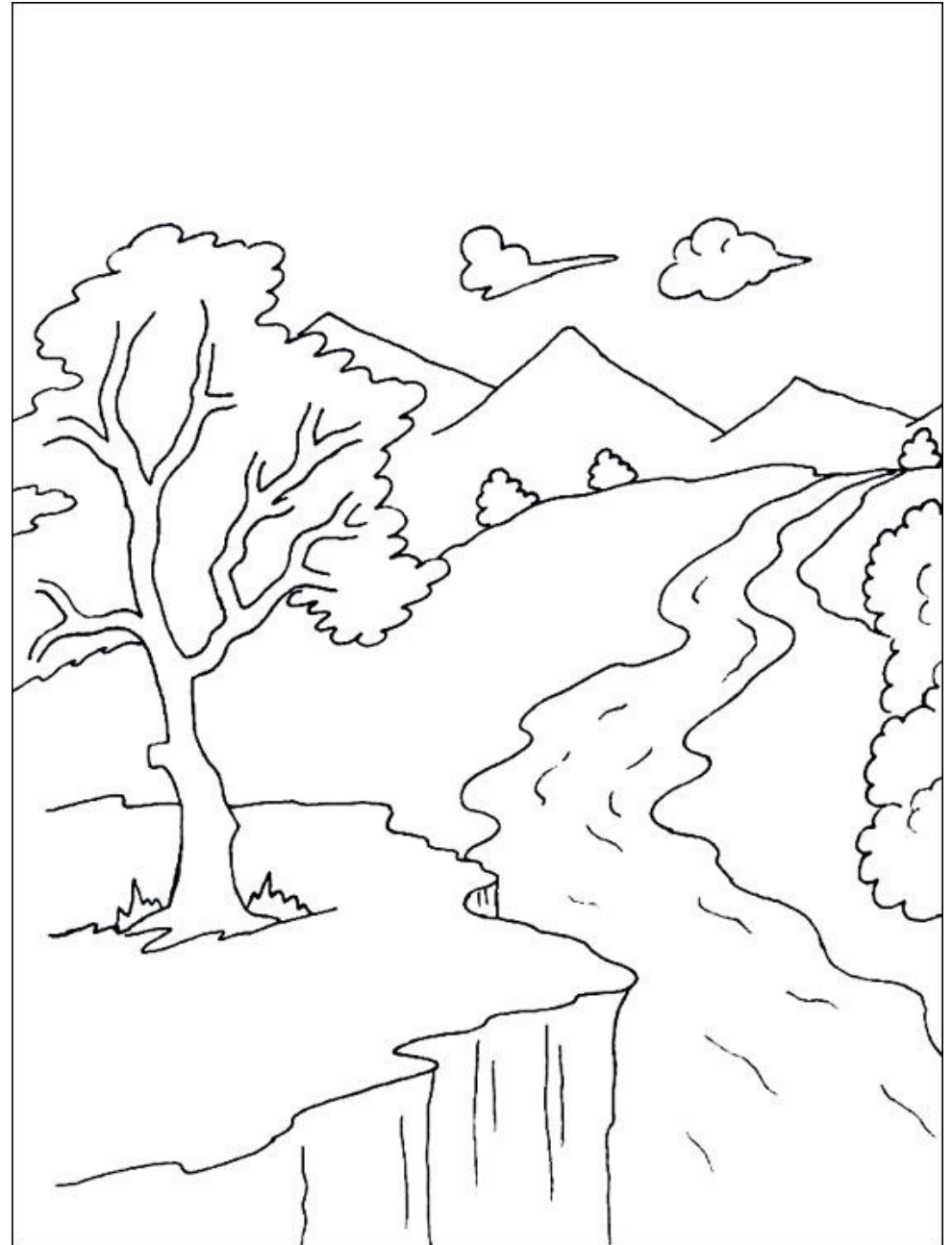
Tributary

Estuary

Drainage basin

Mouth

Task



And finally...

Step for depth

Label on your diagram
where you would choose to
build a town and why?

