



Runnymede St. Edward's Primary Catholic School - Knowledge Organiser

Subject: Geography

Rivers

Year: 3

Term: Autumn 1

Key Knowledge and Vocabulary

Location and Place Knowledge

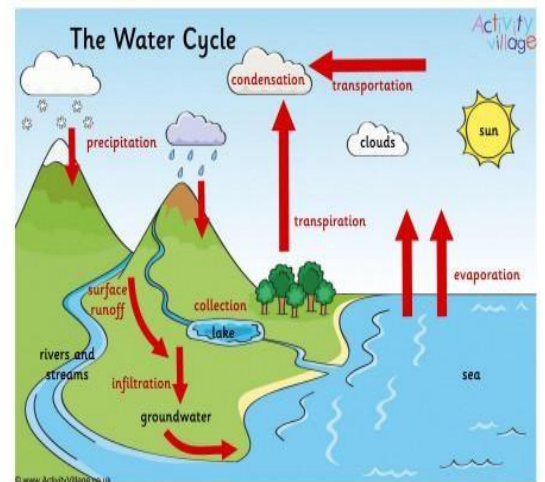
source	The start of a river
river	A flowing, moving stream of water
stream	A small, fast flow of water
mountain range	A chain of mountains that are close together
channel	A pathway carrying water
tributary	A small river or stream that meets a large river
course	The journey of a river, from its source to the sea.
Water cycle	The journey of water on the Earth
evaporation	Heat from the sun warms the water, the liquid turns into a vapour (gas) and rises
meander	A winding bend in the river

The Water Cycle

Evaporation - heat from the sun causes water to evaporate from the earth. It collects in the sky to form clouds.

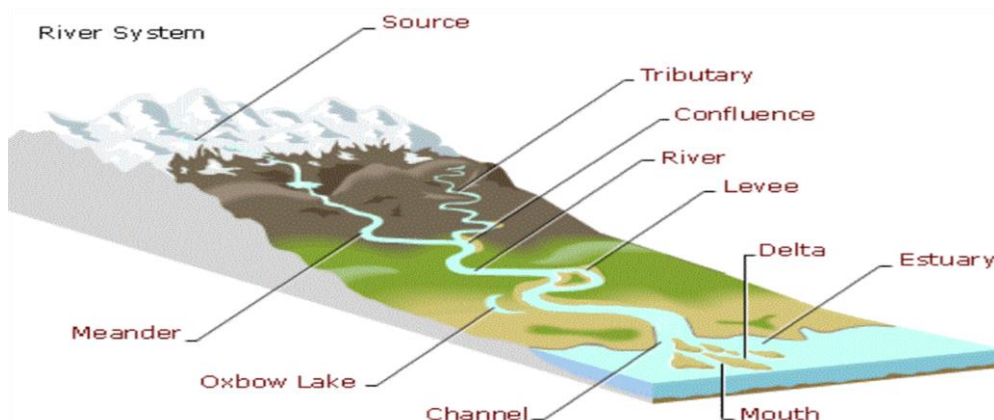
Condensation - As water vapour in the clouds cools down it becomes water again.

Precipitation - Water falls from the sky in the form of rain, snow, hail or sleet.



Rivers

Rivers begin at their source on higher ground, such as mountains, where melted snow and rainwater collects and forms tiny streams. When one stream meets another, it forms a smaller stream called a tributary. Many tributaries form a river. The majority of rivers flow to make an ocean, sea or large lake. The end of a river is called the mouth.



Prior Knowledge

- Locate and describe key physical features, including: oceans, hills, mountains, cliffs, coasts, seas, rivers, seasons and weather
- Name and locate the seven **continents** and five **oceans**
- The **water cycle** and where our water comes from