

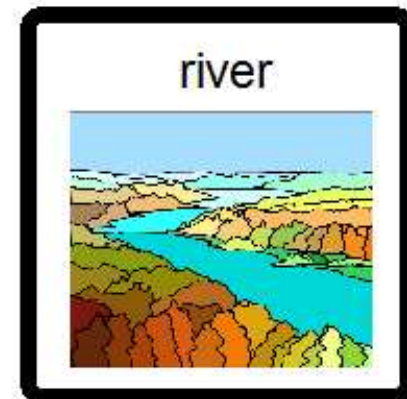
# Rivers



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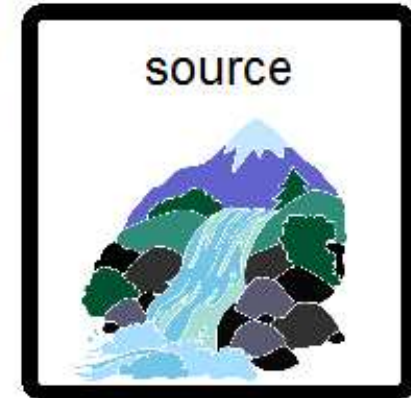


What is a River? Let's find out!



A river is a moving body of water. There are rivers all over the world! Rivers can be long or short. The shortest river is Oregon's D River which is 120 feet long, while the Amazon River in South America is 4,344 miles long!

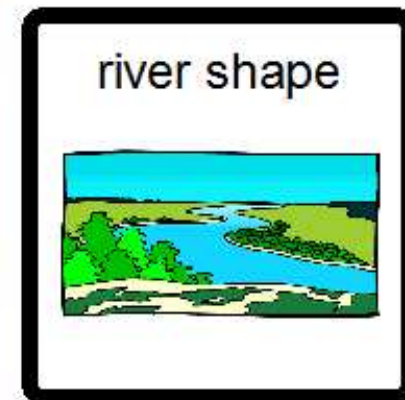




Moving water always starts from a source. The source of a river may be melting snow from the top of a mountain, or body of water that feeds the river.

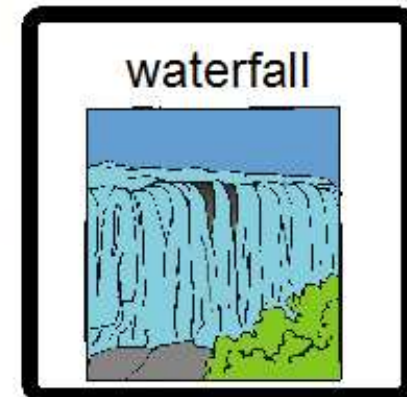


The end of a river is called the mouth. Rivers end when they empty into a larger body of water such as a sea or an ocean.

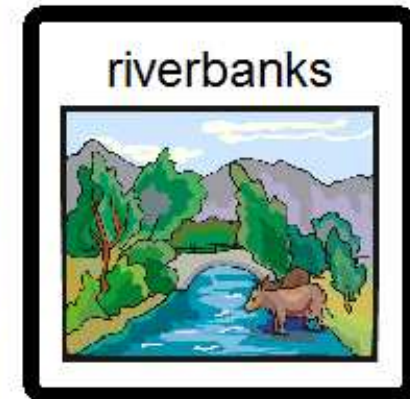


When the water of a river flows, it moves the sand, dirt and rocks in its path. That is what gives the river its shape. Some rivers meander, or follow a twisting and turning route. That meandering makes each river unique and special in its shape.



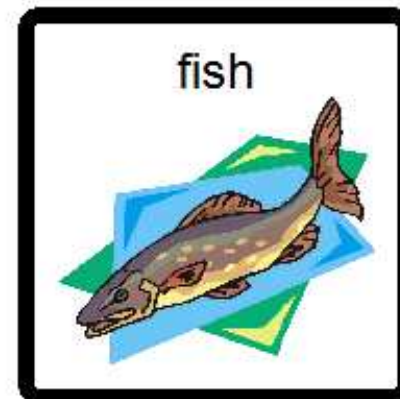


Sometimes, a river will fall over a high area making a waterfall. Waterfalls can be huge, like the Niagara Falls that spans from New York to Canada! The Niagara Falls was shaped by the water in the Niagara River.



Areas on the side of a river are called riverbanks. Animals come to the riverbanks to drink the fresh river water.

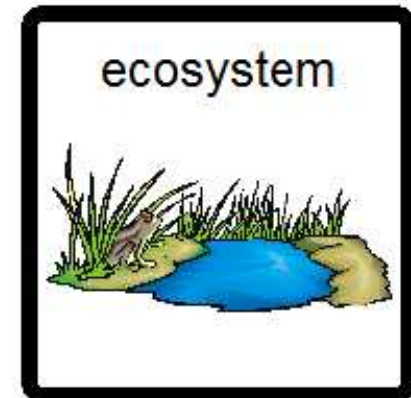




Rivers have fish in them. The fish that live in moving water need to be strong swimmers to fight the current. Some common river fish in North America are salmon and trout.



Rivers also have shallows. Shallows are the part of a river where the water is not as deep, and the flow of the water is not as strong. Various kinds of wildlife live in shallows.



All rivers have ecosystems. Plants, insects, birds and animals, and even the sand are part of a rivers ecosystem.

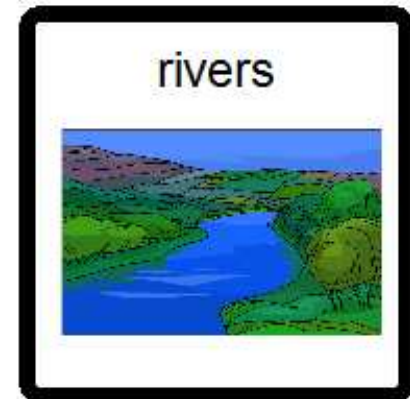




Rivers are also very important to people. Most major cities are built around rivers because they provide waterways for shipping goods.



Rivers provide water for fishermen to fish, cool and relaxing place swim and of course, provide water to drink!



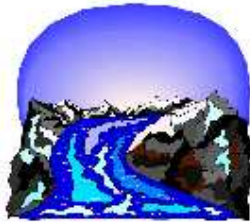
All over the world, rivers are an important part of our environment. What is your favorite part about rivers?



river



moving water



source



mouth



river shape



waterfall



riverbanks



fish



shallows



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