



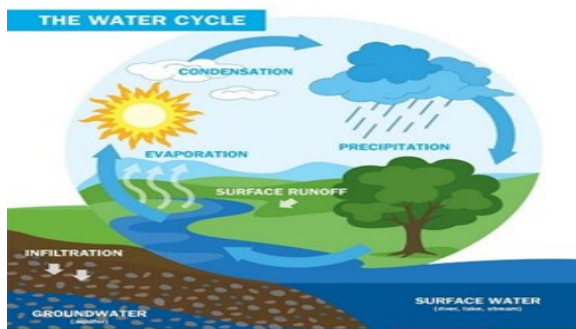
What should I already know?

- What a river is
- Rivers near me
- Famous rivers
- The part rivers play in the water cycle

What will I know by the end of the unit?

The journey of a river	
Environmental factors and the impact on rivers	<p>Farming</p> <p>Pollution</p> <p>Erosion</p> <p>Fishing</p> <p>Flooding</p>
River wildlife	

Diagrams



Vocabulary

condensation	up in the sky, the water vapour begins to cool and turns back into a liquid
delta	where the river meets the sea and deposits large amounts of mud
erosion	how Earth is worn away by the passing of water
evaporation	when water is heated and it turns to a gas
estuary	an area where a freshwater river or stream meets the ocean
floodplain	a flat area of land next to a river or stream which floods if it gets too wet
groundwater	water found underground in soil, sand and rock
irrigation	when water is added to fields to help crops grow
meander	a bend or curve in a river
mouth	where a river opens into the sea
ocean	a vast body of salt water that covers almost three fourths of the Earth's surface.
oxbow lake	a body of water which is formed when a river finds a new course
precipitation	rain, snow, sleet or hail
riverbed	the ground which a river flows over
sediment	small bits of eroded rock
source	where a river starts
transpiration	evaporation of water through the plant's leaves, stems and flowers
tributary	a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake
valley	a lower part in the land between two higher parts
waterfall	an area where water flows over a vertical drop or a series of steep drops in the course of a stream or river