

## What is a river?

A **river** is a flowing, moving stream of water shaped like a ribbon. Usually a **river** feeds water into an ocean, lake, pond, or even another **river**. It flows downhill from the source. It can be shallow or deep.

## Glossary

<b>Channel</b>	The area where water flows
<b>Confluence</b>	The meeting of two or more waterways. Usually a small river joining a big river.
<b>Freshwater</b>	Water from lakes, rivers, snow and ice which is not salty.
<b>Meander</b>	A curve in the river
<b>Mouth</b>	The place where a river enters another river, sea, ocean or lake.
<b>Riverbank</b>	The riverbank is the land at the side of a river
<b>Source</b>	The place where a river begins.
<b>Tributaries</b>	A stream or river that flows into and joins a main river.
<b>Waterfall</b>	Where water rushes down a steep ledge.

## The River Colne

The River Colne is 18km long and it travels through Hertfordshire.

It is a tributary of the River Thames and is the longest river in Hertfordshire.

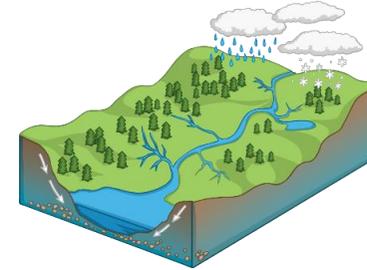


## The River Nile

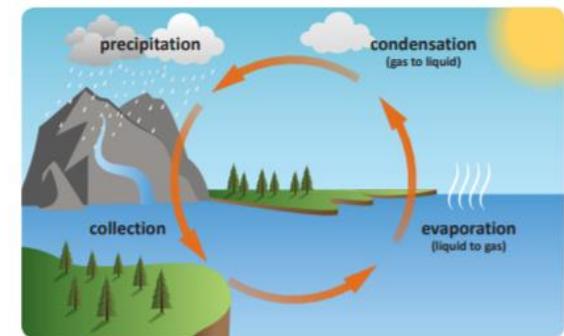
The Nile River is the longest river in the world and flows into the Mediterranean Sea. The Nile has a length of about 6,695 kilometers (4,160 miles) and passes through 11 countries!



## River journey



## The water cycle



The water cycle is the journey water takes as it travels from rivers, lakes, seas and oceans into the sky and then back down to the ground. Water changes state as it goes around the cycle in four stages: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection.

## Habitats

A habitat is **a place that an animal lives**. It provides the animal with food, water and shelter. There are many different sorts of habitats around the world from forests to grasslands and from mountain slopes to deserts. Different habitats are home to different animals. The river is a habitat.

