

RIVERS

Vocabulary:

- Tributary
- Meander
- Estuary
- Delta
- River mouth
- Drainage basin

River facts:

- The water in rivers comes from: rainfall, snow and ice melting, and groundwater.
- Many rivers begin in mountain areas, and changes as it flows downhill along its path, or course.
- When water drains into streams and rivers, it forms different patterns.
- The **longest** river in the world is the Nile River in Africa.
- The **biggest** river in the world is the Amazon in South America.

Fill in the blanks to complete the definitions.

Delta: A _____ system of _____, created when a _____ splits up into many smaller _____ and deposits _____ as it nears the _____.

Drainage basin: The _____ of land from which a _____ collects its _____.

Estuary: A wide _____ that _____ where a _____ joins the _____.

Meander: A _____ or long _____ in a _____.

River mouth: The part of a _____ where it _____ the _____.

Tributary: A _____ that _____ into a bigger _____, instead of into the _____.

Unscramble the words using the **River Facts**.

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