Finn’s Journey: The Life of a River

Follow the flow and discover how rivers shape our world!

■ **The source is the beginning of a river, usually found high up in the mountains or hills where rainfall collects.**

■ **A tributary is a smaller river or stream that flows into a larger, main river.**

■ **A meander is a winding, snake-like curve or bend in the river caused by the water eroding the banks.**

■ **The confluence is the exact point where two rivers meet and join together to become one larger river.**

■ **The mouth is the end of the river where it flows into the sea or an ocean, often forming an estuary.**

Did you know? Did you know? The River Severn is the longest river in the United Kingdom, stretching 220 miles from its source in the Welsh mountains all the way to the Bristol Channel!

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