Finn’s River Adventure Quiz

Learning objective: To identify the features of a river and understand the journey from source to mouth.

Join Finn the dolphin on a journey along a river! Read the questions carefully and test your knowledge of how rivers move and change.

Answer Key: 1. A (Source); 2. True; 3. Tributary; 4. B (Meander); 5. False; 6. Mouth; 7. C (Erosion); 8. True; 9. Confluence; 10. D (Estuary).

Word bank: source · mouth · meander · tributary · estuary · erosion · confluence

1. 1. Where does a river usually begin? A) Source* B) Mouth C) Sea D) Waterfall (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A river flows faster near its source than near the sea. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name for a smaller river or stream that joins a larger main river? (1 mark)

4. 4. What is a bend or curve in a river called? A) Source B) Meander* C) Delta D) Bank (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: All rivers flow into the sea. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name for the end of a river where it meets the sea or a lake? (1 mark)

7. 7. What process describes the wearing away of river banks by water? A) Deposition B) Condensation C) Erosion* D) Evaporation (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Rain and melted snow are common sources of water for rivers. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the point where two rivers meet called? (1 mark)

10. 10. Where fresh river water meets salty sea water, it is called an: A) Island B) Waterfall C) Oxbow D) Estuary* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of a river journey, starting from the high mountains (the source) and ending at the sea (the mouth). Make sure to include one meander and one tributary.

Extension challenge: Research a famous river in the UK, such as the River Thames or the River Severn. Write three interesting facts about how humans use that river today.