

Finn's River Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the physical features and stages of a river's journey from source to mouth.

Join Finn the dolphin on an expedition! Use your geography knowledge to complete this fact-file. Research the different stages of a river and explain how the landscape changes as the water travels towards the sea.

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

1. The Source: Where does a river typically begin? Describe the landscape you might find at the start of a river's journey. (2 marks)

2. The Middle Course: Explain what a 'meander' is and how the river's shape changes as it flows through the middle stage. (3 marks)

3. Tributaries and Confluence: Define what a tributary is and what happens at the point where two rivers meet. (2 marks)

4. The Mouth: Describe what happens to the river when it finally reaches the sea and explain what an 'estuary' is. (3 marks)

5. River Impact: How do rivers shape the land over time? Use the terms 'erosion' or 'deposition' in your explanation. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a water droplet starting at the source. Write a short paragraph describing the most exciting thing you see during your journey to the sea.