

Finn's River Adventure

Learning objective: To understand the journey of a river from its source to the sea.

Read the story about Finn the dolphin. Look at the word bank if you get stuck. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Finn the dolphin loves to explore. He swims up the river to see where it begins. High in the cold, rocky mountains, he finds the source. This is where a tiny stream starts to trickle down the hill. As Finn swims further, the river gets wider and deeper. He follows the channel as it winds through the green valley. The river does not go in a straight line. It makes big, curvy shapes called meanders. Finn swims past tall trees and busy farms. He sees water flowing quickly over smooth stones. Eventually, the land becomes flat and quiet. The water slows down as it reaches the end of its journey. Finn arrives at the mouth of the river. Here, the fresh river water mixes with the salty sea. Finn waves his tail and splashes in the blue waves. He has finished his long trip from the mountain top to the wide, open ocean.

Word bank: Source: The start of a river · Mouth: Where the river meets the sea · Channel: The path the river follows · Meander: A bend or curve in the river

1. Where does a river begin its journey? (Use the text to help you) (2 marks)

2. What is the name for the big, curvy shapes the river makes? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the water moves more slowly when it reaches the flat land? (2 marks)

4. Finn swims from the mountains to the sea. How does the river change during his trip? (2 marks)

5. Would you like to follow a river like Finn? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a river. Include the mountain source at the top, a curvy meander in the middle, and the wide mouth where it meets the sea at the bottom.



Extension challenge: Write down two things that Finn might see in the river that are not made by nature (e.g., a bridge or a boat).