

Finn’s River Journey: Geography Vocabulary Mat

Learning objective: To define and understand key geographical terminology related to the physical processes of rivers.

Key Vocabulary

Use this reference mat to support your geographical enquiries. The vocabulary is categorised by the stages and physical features of a river's journey from source to mouth.

Source The beginning of a river, usually fou...	Course The path that a river takes as it flows...	Mouth The place where a river meets the se...
Tributary A smaller river or stream that flows...	Confluence The specific point where two riv...	Meander A winding curve or bend in the path...
Erosion The wearing away of the river bed ...	Deposition The process where a river drops ...	Floodplain Flat land next to a river that is pr...
Estuary The tidal mouth of a large river whe...	Channel The physical container or groove in...	Bed The bottom surface of the river channel.
Bank The land at the side of a river.	Gradient The steepness of the river's slope f...	Delta A low-lying landform at the mouth of a r...
Explain why a riv...	Compare and con...	What might happ...
If you were a geo...	Design a 3D mod... How would you demons...	Evaluate the imp...