Finn’s Fantastic River Journey

Grab your map and dive in—let’s explore how rivers shape our world from the mountains to the sea!

■ **The Source: Every river starts somewhere! This is usually a spring, a lake, or a mountain stream where the water first begins its journey downhill.**

■ **Tributaries: These are smaller rivers or streams that flow into a larger main river, helping it grow in size as it travels toward the coast.**

■ **Meanders: As the river moves across flatter land, it begins to curve and bend like a snake; these wide loops are called meanders.**

■ **Erosion: Rivers act like powerful sculptors, wearing away the soil and rock along their banks to create deep valleys and canyons over thousands of years.**

■ **The Mouth: This is the end of the river’s long journey, where the water flows into a sea or an ocean. If the river widens here, it is called an estuary.**

Did you know? Did you know that the River Severn is the longest river in the UK? It travels for 220 miles, starting high in the Welsh mountains and winding its way all the way to the Bristol Channel!

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