

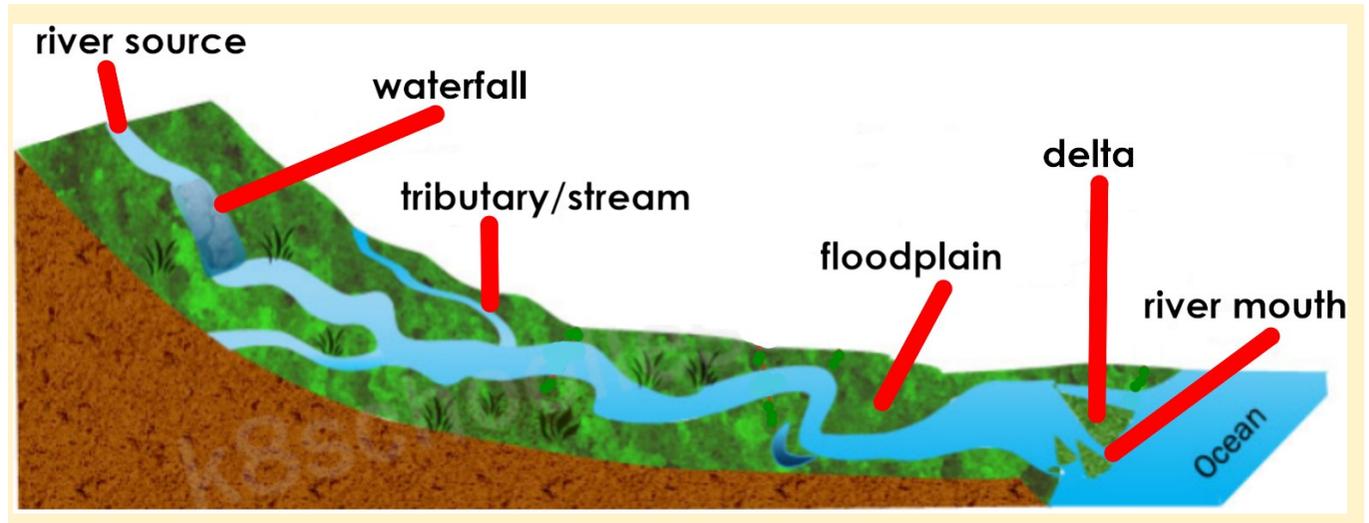
Geography

Rivers: How do rivers make water go round and round?

Key Vocabulary

agriculture	Growing crops or farming animals.
river source	A river's source is the place where it begins, often on a mountainside.
water cycle	A constant sequence of changes to water that repeats in a regular pattern.
floodplains	The flat land beside a river that floods, creating fertile soil.
delta	a landform at a river's mouth where sediment builds up and creates new land masses.
irrigation	supplying water to crops when rainfall is not enough.
transport	To move things from one place to another.

Parts of a River



Land use: Humans use rivers for...

Agriculture		To irrigate crops. The fertile floodplains can grow many crops like rice.
Natural wildlife/conservation		To preserve the natural habitats of many wild animals that live in and around rivers. They work to keep the water clean and raise awareness.
Settlement		To supply freshwater to nearby communities. Since ancient times, humans have created large settlements near rivers.
Tourism		To support local economies and attract visitors by offering boating, fishing, wildlife watching and much more.
Transport		To move goods and people along waterways, enabling trade, travel, and connections between communities.

South America

Largest River:
Amazon River

River Source:
The Andes Mountains



The Water Cycle

 = changes of state

