Why are rivers important?

Longest rivers of the UK







River Trent F



River Wye 250 km



River Grea

Longest rivers of the world







Amazon River 6,400 km



Yangtze River 6,300 km



Yellow River 5,464 km



Congo River

| Vocabulary | <u>Definition</u> | Vocabulary | <u>Definition</u> |
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| Course | The journey the river makes from source to mouth. | Mouth | The end of the river where it empties into a large of body of water like the sea. |
| Current | The strength and speed of the river. | Riverbank | Land by the side of the river. |
| Downstream | Water always flows downhill towards the sea. | Riverbed | The bottom of the river. |
| Floodplain | A flat low-lying area along the river, that gets covered with water when the river overflows. | Source | Where the river begins. |
| Meander | A bend in the river. | Tributaries | Streams or rivers that join the main river channel. |

