

# What are the key features of a river?

<b>Confluence</b>	The junction between two rivers
<b>Canal</b>	An artificial waterway constructed to allow the passage of boats or ships inland.
<b>Reservoir</b>	A large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply.
<b>Delta</b>	A river delta is a landform that forms from deposition of sediment (rock) carried by a river as the flow leaves its mouth and enters slower-moving or standing water.
<b>Estuary</b>	The tidal mouth of a large river, where the tide meets the stream.
<b>Meander</b>	A river following a winding course
<b>Mouth</b>	Part of the river that flows into a large stream or ocean
<b>Oxbow lake</b>	A curved lake formed from a horseshoe bend in a river where the main stream has cut across the narrow end and no longer flows around the loop of the bend.
<b>Tributary</b>	A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake
<b>Waterfall</b>	A cascade of water falling from a height, formed when a river or stream flows over a precipice or steep incline.



## River Trent

- The Trent is the 3<sup>rd</sup> longest river in the UK and runs through Nottinghamshire.
- The River Trent has many tributaries, including: River Derwent, River Idle, River Leen, River Sow and the River Tame.
- The River Trent was an incredibly important trade route (particularly during the 1700s, 1800s and 1900s) and helped the Midlands become a key industrial area.

## River Nile-

- The Nile is the longest river in the world.
- It flows into the Mediterranean Sea.
- It is 6,695km long.
- West of the Nile is the Sahara Desert- the biggest desert in the world.
- It provided a source of irrigation to transform the dry area around it into agricultural land with fertile soil.

