



The  
Rivers  
Trust

## Lesson 2

# What is a river's journey?



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## Starter task:

Which image shows the start of the river, and which shows the end?

Image A:



The start of a river is called the **source**, often in the mountains or a bog

Image B:

The end of a river is called the **Mouth**, usually the sea



1. What other features might you see at the river source and mouth?
2. How did the river start in this image?

## Know:

The features of a river's journey

## Understand:

Your own local river's journey

## Apply:

Create the journey of a river



## River Journey:



Scout then kayaks down the course of the river, what might she see on her journey?

Describe what she might see, using the key words to help:

Forest

City

Mountain

Town

Sea

Factories

Village

Valley

Farm



Why might Scout see these things on her journey? Are they all natural (physical features)?

# River Features:



Match the natural river feature to its name and where you might see it in the river's course?

a) Mountain

b) Beach

c) Waterfall

d) Meander  
(river bend)

Upper course  
(near source)

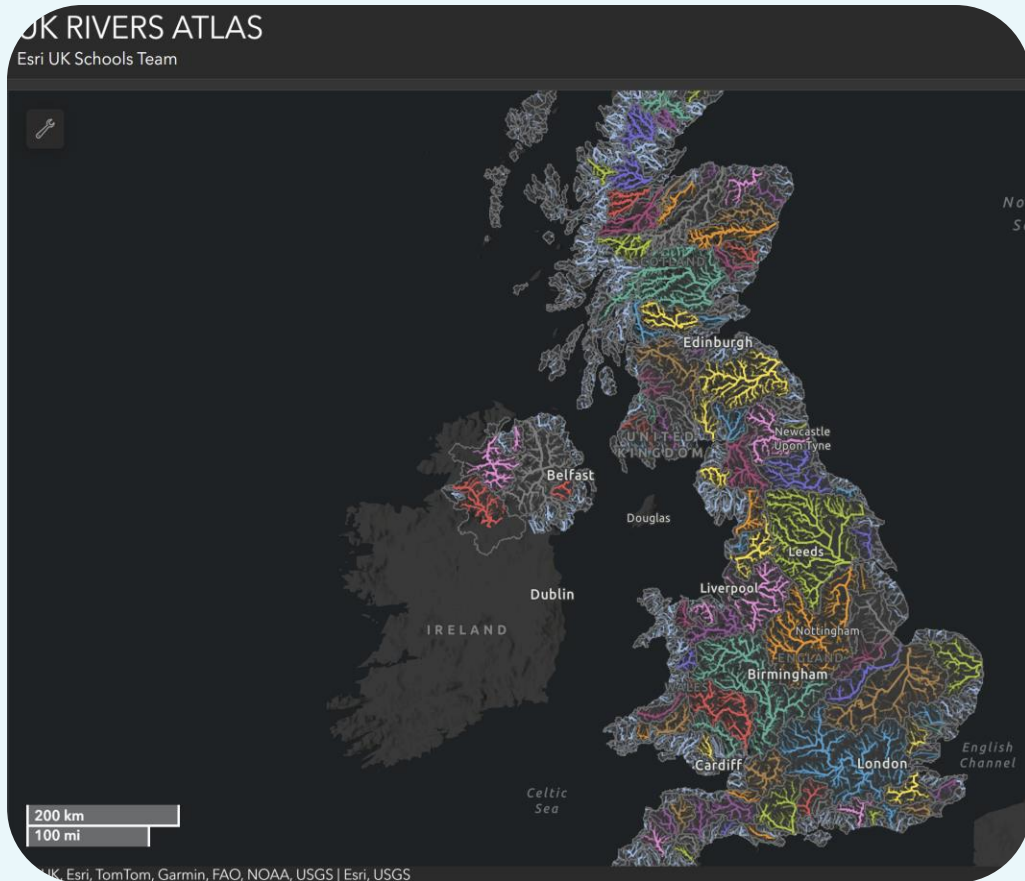
Middle course

Lower course  
(near mouth)



Select one of the features, how do you think it has been formed?

# Investigating your local river:



Using  
Google  
Earth



Using Esri  
Student Rivers  
Atlas

Use a map to find and investigate your local river. Create a fact file for the river including:

River name:

River source and grid reference:

River mouth and grid reference:

Places my river passes along its journey (natural and manmade):



What other questions might you ask about the river?  
Add the answers to your fact file.

# Get Creative

Create/ present the journey of your local river.  
Add labels using your fact file.



River source  
and mouth

Places the  
river passes  
through

Which  
direction the  
river flows in



What might live in and  
around the river? Can you  
add these on?



Match the river landmark (human features) to the photo



Factory

Warwick Castle

Eiffel Tower,  
Paris, France

London Eye

Sydney Opera  
House, Australia

City of Liverpool



Why are these landmarks next to rivers?



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