

# Help your river with Big River Watch



Scout and Vinnie head to their local river to become citizen scientists with Big River Watch. What will they see?



## Key Question

### Key Stage 1:

Does your river look healthy?

### Key Stage 2:

What makes a healthy river?



## Activity

### Survey your river

1. Visit a river near you with a parent/ guardian and simply see what you see!
2. Answer the easy questions in the Big River Watch app and share what you notice.
3. Make sure to hit submit when you've answered all the questions!



## Top Tips:



- Make sure the adult accompanying you has the free Big River Watch app downloaded on their phone.
- Don't rush through the questions, enjoy some time by your river and you never know, animals may appear

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## Keep your eyes peeled for river wildlife and plants

1. From birds like beautiful blue and orange kingfishers to tiny insects and eye-catching mammals, our rivers are home to lots of animals.
2. Don't forget the plants! From those floating on the surface to the tall reeds growing on the banks, what plants can you see around your river?



## Can you see pollution?

Sadly, our rivers are not always healthy, look out for signs of pollution and things that shouldn't be there.

1. Is the water clear, murky or even green?
2. Can you see any litter in or around the water?



## Connect with your river

Enjoy the time by your local blue space and ask these questions:

1. What sounds do you notice?
2. How does spending time by a river make you feel?
3. What's your favourite thing about visiting the river?

Learn more and get involved in Big River Watch:  
[theriverstrust.org/take-action/the-big-river-watch](https://theriverstrust.org/take-action/the-big-river-watch)

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