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Rivers, Streams and Lakes

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Introduction

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When it rains, water sinks into the ground or runs into rivers, streams and lakes.



Ships and boats carry cargo down some rivers to the sea.



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Dams have been built on some rivers. They hold water for drinking.



We use rivers and lakes for fishing, swimming and sailing.



We use our rivers and lakes in many ways.

Rivers

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There are rivers in many parts of the world.

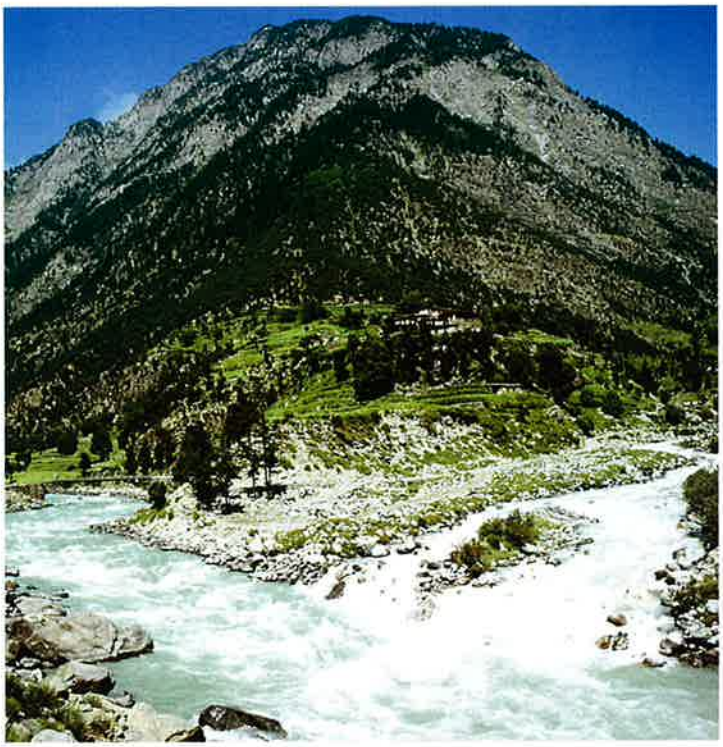
Most rivers start high up in mountains. Some rivers flow out of a lake.

In the mountains, rivers flow quickly. Sometimes they flow over rocks and make waterfalls.



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Rivers flow down valleys, from the mountains to the sea. Sometimes, smaller rivers flow into bigger rivers.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Nile is the longest river in the world. It is in Africa.



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When rivers reach flat land,
they flow more slowly.

Most rivers carry soil with them.
The soil spreads out across the flat land.
This land is good for farming.



When it rains a lot, rivers often overflow.
They cover the land nearby with water.
This is called a flood.

