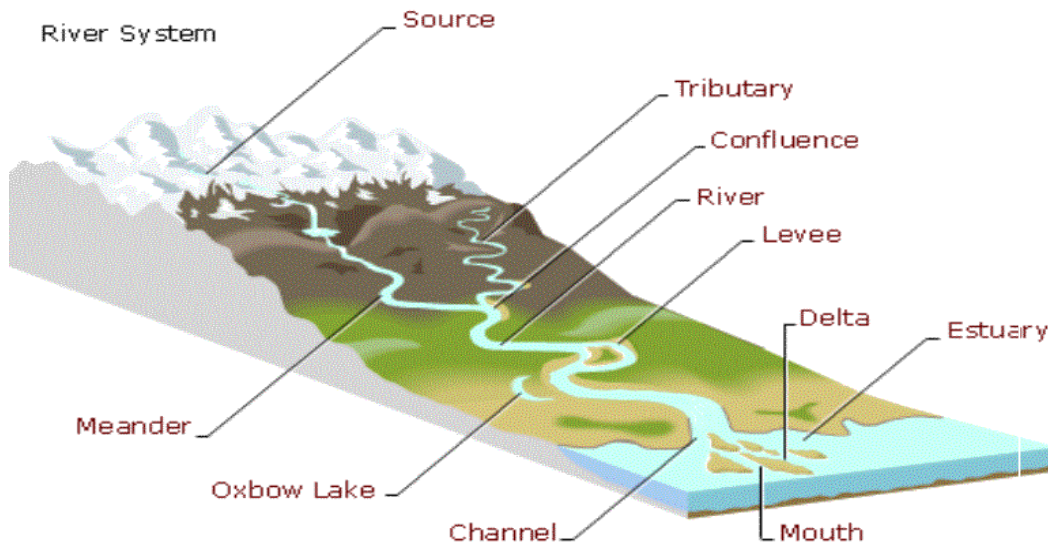
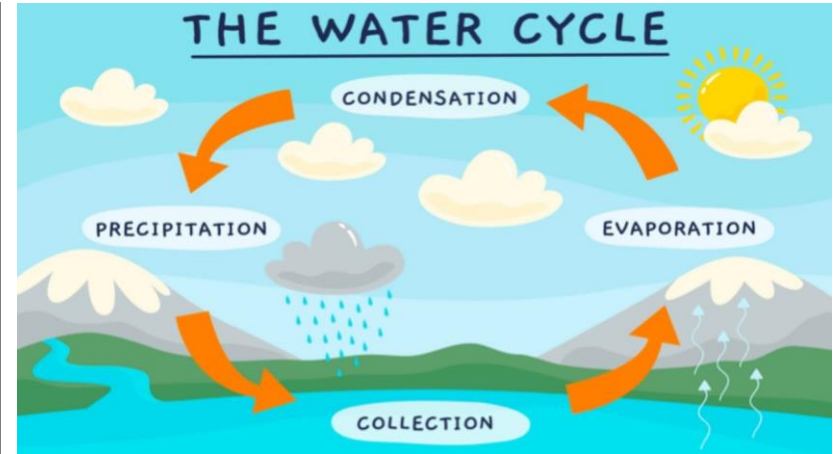




Geography Knowledge Organiser: Rivers

Overview of Key Facts

- Rivers transport water in the **collection** stage of the **water cycle**
- A river begins at its **source** and ends at its **mouth**
- The river has three parts:
The **upper** course, which is steep and fast-flowing with many small tributaries,
The **middle** course, which is wider, slower and meandering,
The **lower** course, which is where the river's flow is largest, it deposits sediment and meets the sea.



Key Vocabulary

source	the point at which a river starts
tributary	a small stream that joins a larger river
meander	a natural bend in a river
mouth	the point where the river ends
estuary	where the river meets the tide
delta	an area of mud and sediment deposits formed at the mouth of a river when the incoming tide cannot wash them away
precipitation	any water falling from the atmosphere to the ground e.g. rain, hail, sleet and snow
erosion	the process of wearing down over time

Assessment question: What are the key aspects of rivers?