

Rivers of the World

Rivers are long streams of water that flow across the land and into the sea. They start high up in mountains or hills, where rain collects and trickles downhill. As more water joins together, the river grows bigger and flows faster.

Rivers are very important. People, animals, and plants all need fresh water to survive, and rivers provide it. Many animals, like fish, frogs, and ducks, make their homes in and around rivers.

Some rivers are incredibly long. The Nile, in Africa, is the longest river in the world. The Amazon, in South America, is the widest and carries more water than any other river.

Rivers have been important to humans throughout history. The first towns and cities were often built beside rivers because people needed water for drinking, cooking, and washing. Farmers also used river water to help grow their crops.

Without rivers, life on Earth would be very different indeed!

Questions

1. What is a river?
2. Where do rivers start?
3. What happens as more water joins a river?
4. Name three types of animals that live in or around rivers.
5. Which is the longest river in the world?
6. On which continent is the Nile found?
7. Which river carries more water than any other?
8. On which continent is the Amazon found?
9. Name two things that early people used river water for.
10. Why do you think the first cities were built beside rivers rather than far away from them?



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