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## TREES

A tree is a tall, woody plant. Some trees can grow to 350 feet. Trees can live for thousands of years.

Trees have a few parts. They have a trunk. They have branches. They also have roots.

Some trees have needles. These trees are called evergreens. Some of these are pine, fir, spruce, and cedar.

Other trees have leaves. Some of these are elm, maple, ash, and apple. These leaves turn red and yellow in the fall.

We need trees. They give us air. They also give us shade. Some trees give us fruit. So plant a tree today!



### STORY QUESTIONS

- In this story, the word *trunk* means . . .
  - suitcase.
  - the nose on an elephant.
  - a woody stem.
  - a chest.
- Trees with needles are called . . .
  - evergreens.
  - trunks.
  - wood.
  - elm.
- What color are maple leaves in the fall?
  - blue
  - red
  - purple
  - black
- Trees do not give us . . .
  - fruit.
  - shade.
  - air.
  - dogs.



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## RIVERS

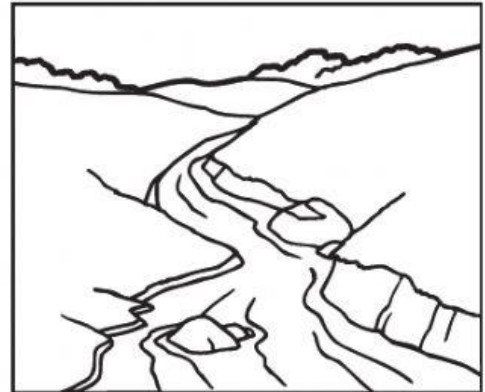
We need rivers. They bring water from mountains to oceans. They also bring water to lakes.

Snow falls on mountains. Then it melts. The water runs down the mountain. Now, it becomes a river. It travels to oceans or lakes.

The longest river in the world is the Nile. It is in Africa. You can take a boat down the Nile.

Some rivers flood. This can be good for farmland. But it is bad if a river floods your house. Some people pollute rivers. This hurts the water, plants, and animals.

Do you have a river in your town? Where did it come from? You can help to keep it clean. Pick up trash in the river. Thank it for bringing you water.



### STORY QUESTIONS

1. Rivers bring water to . . .
  - a. lakes.
  - b. mountains.
  - c. floods.
  - d. trash.
2. What happens to snow when it melts?
  - a. It floods.
  - b. It pollutes water.
  - c. It runs down mountains.
  - d. It hurts animals.
3. Where is the longest river?
  - a. in the mountains
  - b. in California
  - c. in the ocean
  - d. in Africa
4. How can you help to keep a river clean?
  - a. pick up animals
  - b. pick up trash
  - c. pick up water
  - d. pick up boats