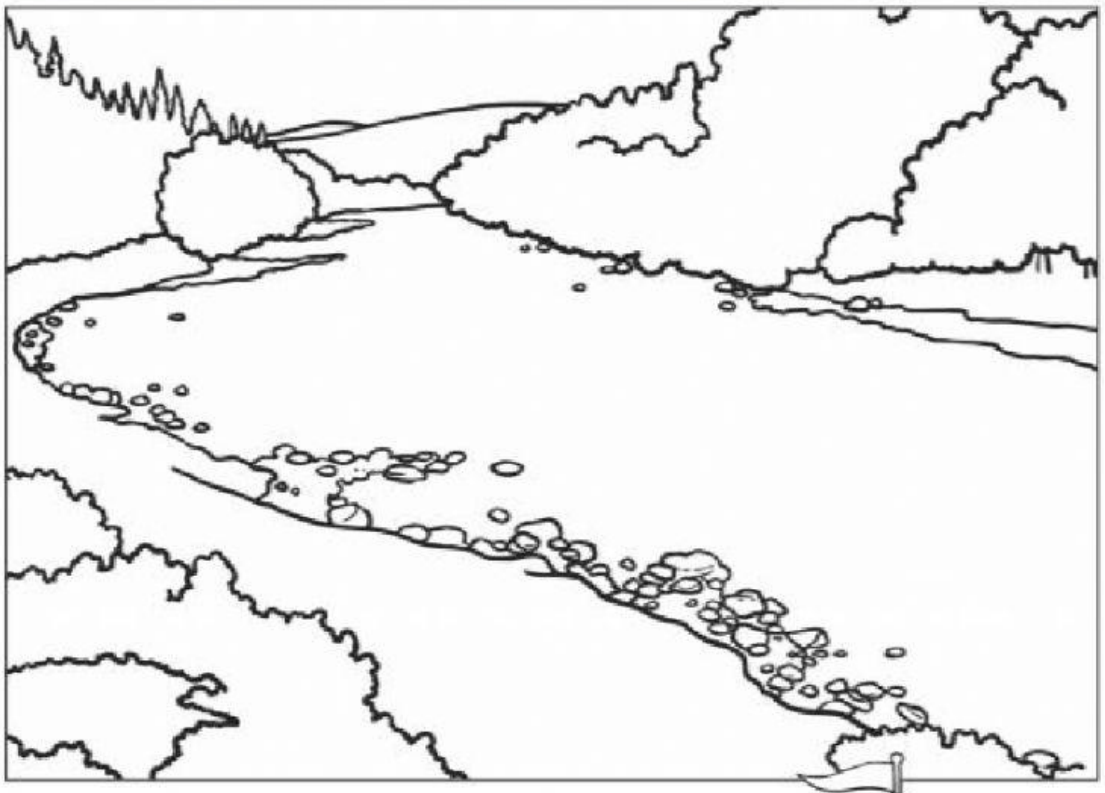
River Reading Comprehension

Amazing Fact

Saudi Arabia has no permanent rivers.

Challenge

On the sheet provided, read the short text and answer the questions.



You could also try to find out:

- why Saudi Arabia has no rivers;
- about London's underground rivers;
- about river-swimmer, Martin Strel;
- which country has the most rivers.



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Most rivers begin on high ground, like on mountains or hills. The start of a river is called the source. Small streams form and gradually get bigger as they collect more water from the rain and join other streams. Slowly it collects enough water to be called a river. It then usually ends at the sea.

The bottom of a river is called the bed and the sides are called banks. Rivers help a lot of plants to grow and provide food for fish and other animals.

You have to be very careful when near a river. If you fall in, you can be carried away downstream by the strong current. This is when the river pulls away under the surface of the water. It is very dangerous.

Questions

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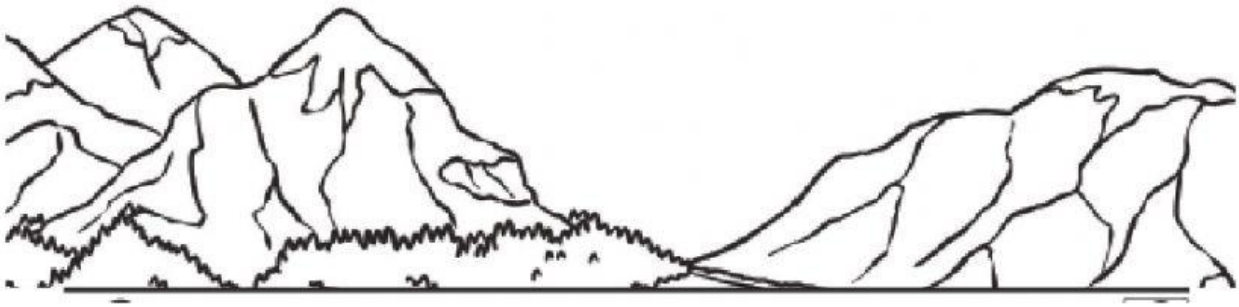
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   Example: You need to be careful near rivers because you can be carried away downstream by the strong current if you fall in.

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