

CurriculumVisions Lesson 1

Students: fill in next to the word answer and return the document for assessment.

Geography

The River Book

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book The River Book.

In this segment we are going to think about rivers in nature and also how people use rivers.

Part 1

Pages 4-7

What is a drainage basin, also called a river basin?

Answer.....

The entire area of land that drains to a river.

Where do we find waterfalls – upland or lowland?

Answer.....

Uplands, as you need a big difference in height in the river course.

Where do we find floodplains – upland or lowland?

Answer.....

Lowlands because you need the river to be able to spread out like a lake and drop sand, silt and mud to build the floodplain.

Where would you find a spring?

Answer.....

At the source of any tributary or main river.

Part 2

Pages 6-7

Where do you find most cultivated fields?

Answer.....

On or near to the floodplain where soils are more fertile and slopes not too steep.

Where do we find a reservoir?

Answer.....

In uplands where you can dam rivers most easily. The deep valleys mean you store a lot of water without using up much land.

Where are many towns and cities built?

Answer.....

Where rivers join and where bridges can be built.

What are steeper valley sides used for?

Answer.....

Mainly pasture.

That is the end of this lesson, and you can now turn to another one. Also, find out if your teacher has left you any other worksheets or special instructions on your school website.