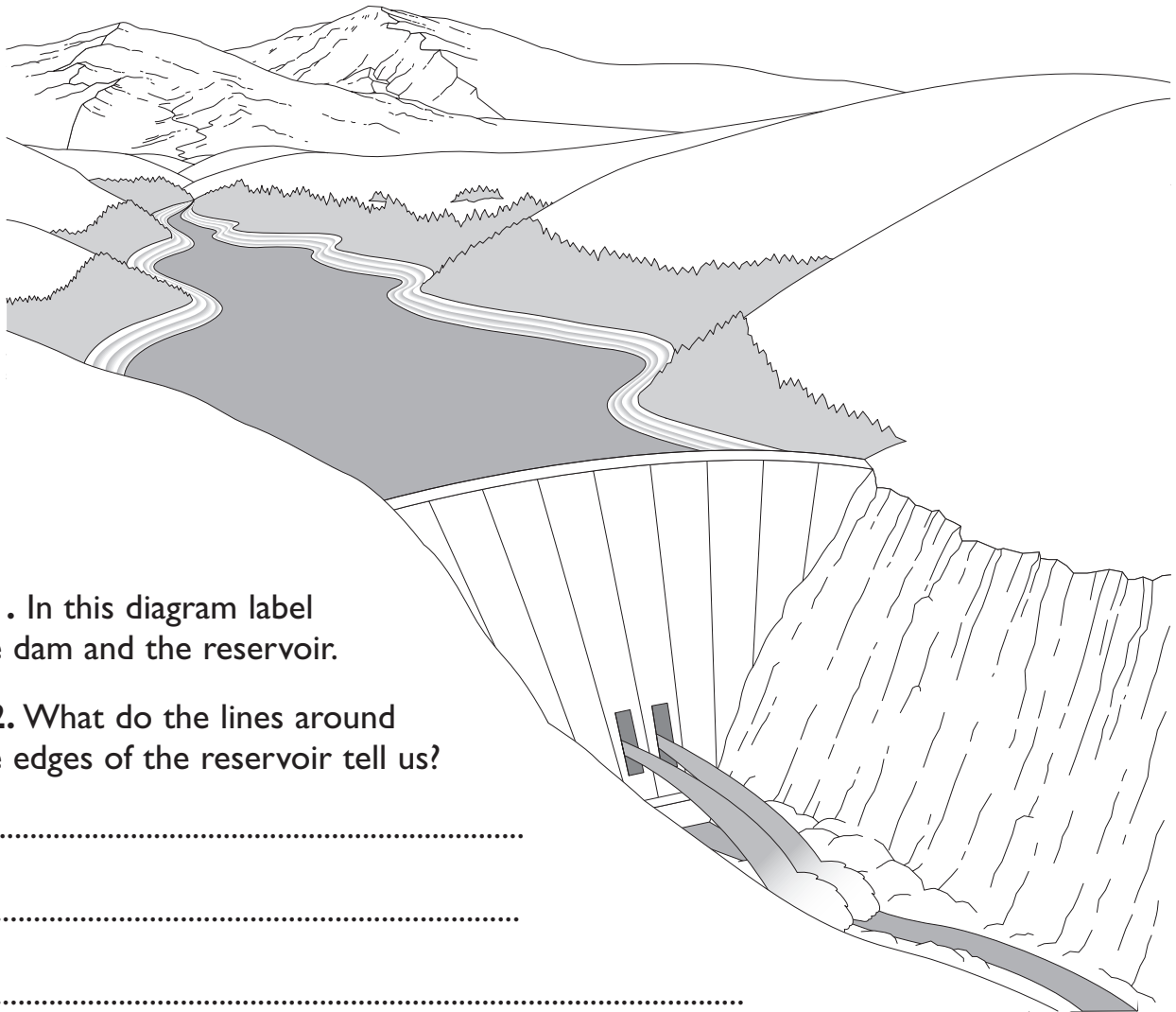


# Reservoirs

Reservoirs are a kind of water bank, holding water for times of need.



**Q1.** In this diagram label the dam and the reservoir.

**Q2.** What do the lines around the edges of the reservoir tell us?



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**Q3.** Find out about a large reservoir in the world.



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## Answers

1. **The dam is in the foreground. The reservoir is trapped behind it.**
2. **The lines are beach lines and show how the reservoir is managed. You will see more lines in late summer when the reservoir is partly empty and very few in late spring when it should be full. If you see lines in late spring, then the water company will have a problem on its hands come late summer.**
3. **This depends on the example chosen.**

## Notes

*This is a good opportunity for children to know about some of the world's biggest reservoirs and where they are. They can use encyclopedias and other reference books for this, and they can use the 'Rivers of the World' section of our [www.curriculumvisions.com](http://www.curriculumvisions.com) web site (under Geography/River) or the River and Water CD. From either source, children can click on the World Rivers tab (top right) or, if they know a river they would like to find a reservoir on, they can click on Picture Finder and then search using the Browser Find button and the key word 'reservoir'. Under the Rivers and People tab there is also a section on reservoirs.*

*If looking at world rivers, you might ask children to look at the River Colorado in North America (it's the one that has formed the Grand Canyon). They will see several dam and reservoir pictures there.*