



Where Does Our Water Come From?

Raindrops



- Imagine you are one of these droplets.
- You've fallen 2km to the ground, falling at speeds of up to 40mph!
- Where do you land?
- What do you see?
- What happens next?

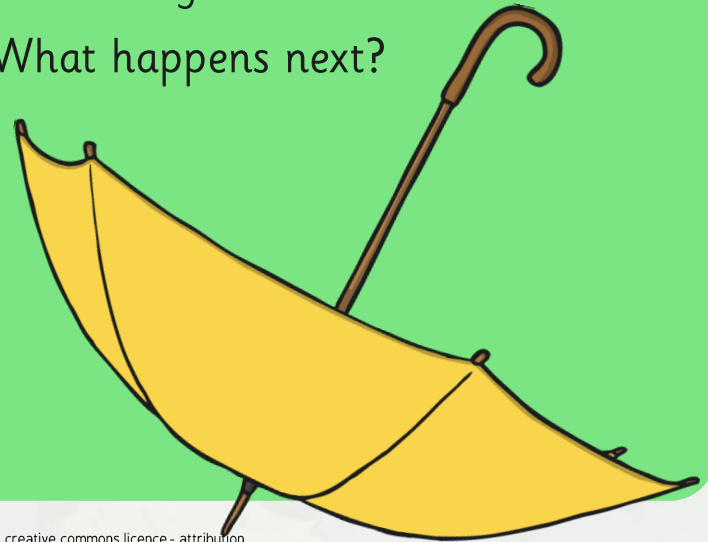
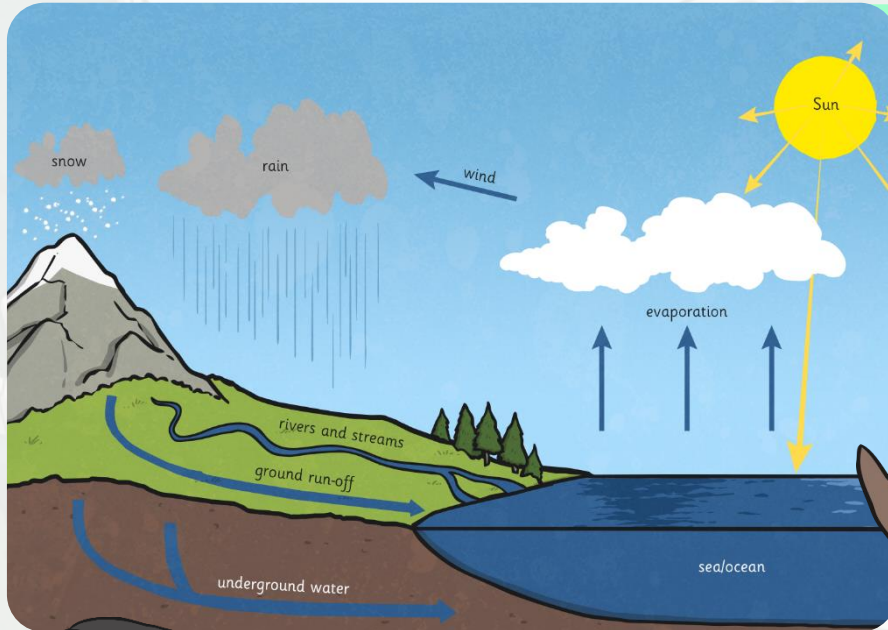


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The Water Cycle

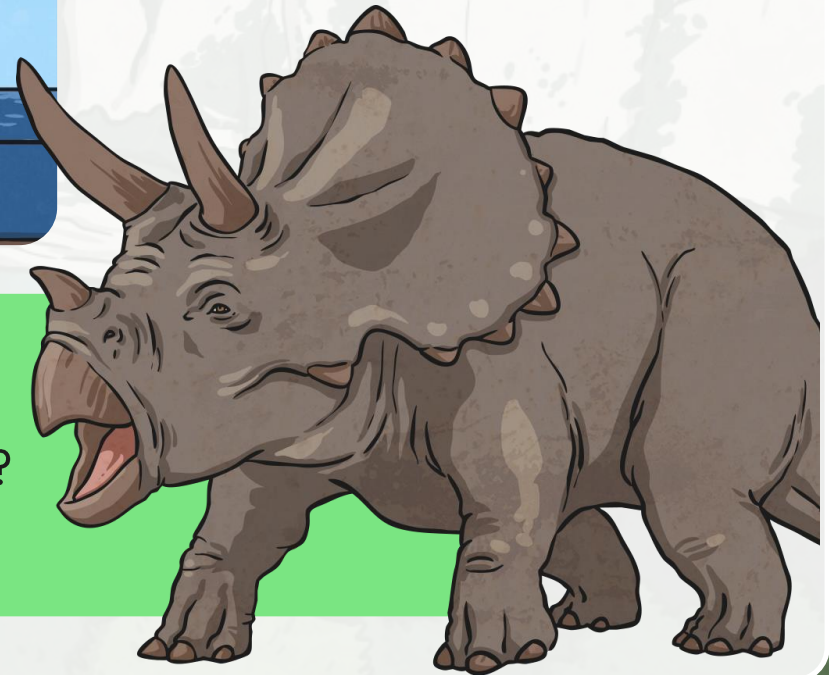


Can you see your raindrop's journey through the water cycle?

It's a cycle – the same water keeps going around and around...

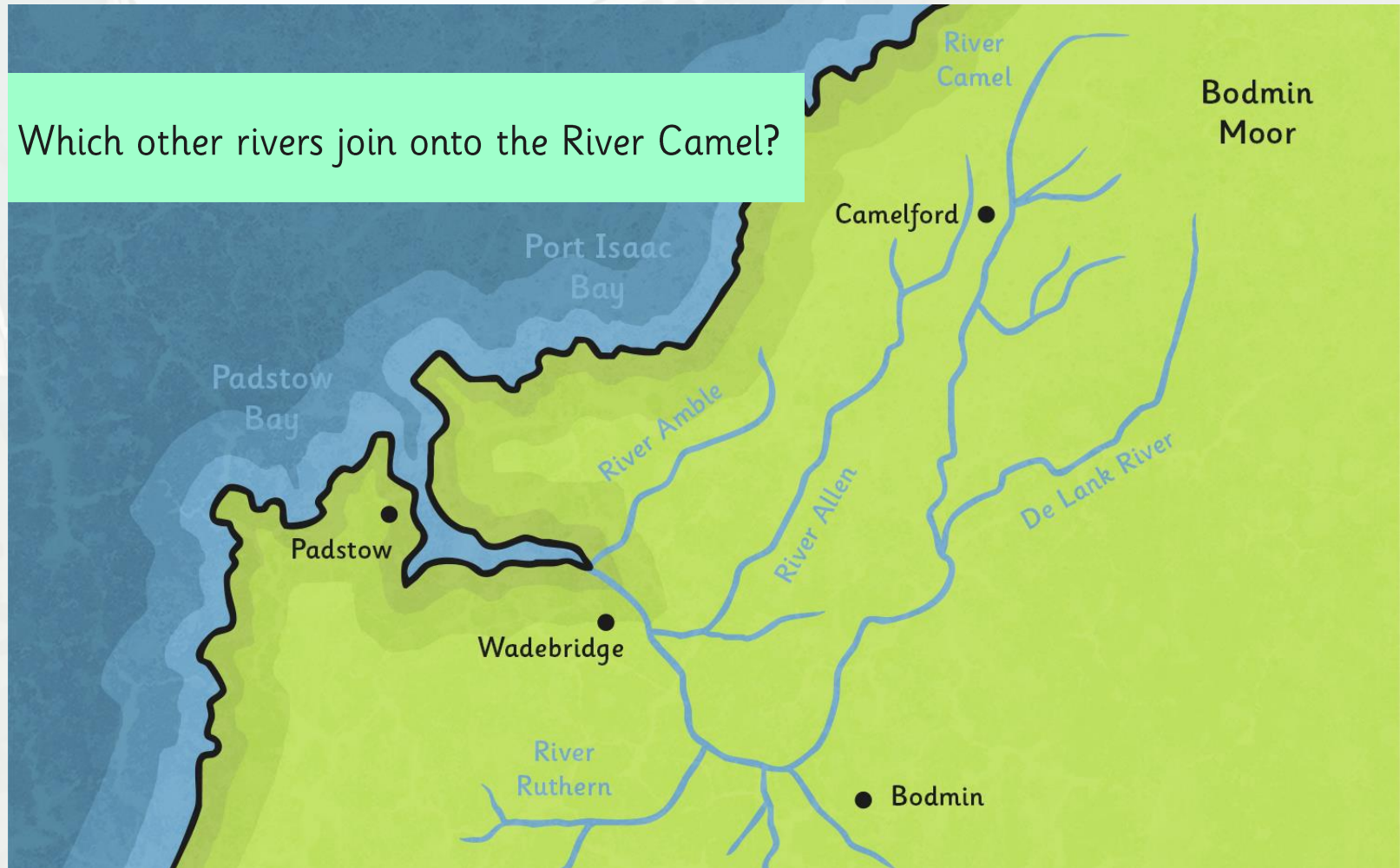


Who has been sharing your drink?



Rivers of England

Which other rivers join onto the River Camel?





Where Do I Start and Where Do I Go?



Questions

Look at this map of the River Thames.

1. Where does the river start?
2. Where does it end?
3. Which major places does it run through?



Where Do I Start and Where Do I Go?

Learn more about the rivers of the United Kingdom.

Use an atlas or the internet (Google Maps) to help you answer the questions on the following slide.

On the next slide, you have the name of a river and some questions to answer about it.

You can also use the map on slide 5 or 9 to help you figure out whereabouts in the UK the river is found.

For each river, identify the area of land in which its source is located, the key towns along its route and the location of its mouth. The UK Rivers map may help you to locate the river's course in your atlas.

River Name	Name of a Key Town
Spey	
Bann	
Trent	
Mersey	
Thames	
Severn	
Conwy	
Tyne	
Clyde	
Tweed	



UK Rivers Answers

River Name	Source	Mouth	Key Towns (example answers)
Spey	Scottish Highlands	North Sea	Newtonmore, Kingussie, Aviemore, Grantown-on-Spey, Craigellachie, Rothes and Fochabers
Bann	Slieve Muck	Atlantic Ocean	Banbridge, Katesbridge, Gilford and Portadown (Upper River Bann). Portglenone, Kilrea, Coleraine and Castlerock (Lower River Bann)
Trent	Biddulph Moor	Humber Estuary	Stoke-on-Trent, Stone, Rugeley, Burton upon Trent, Castle Donington, Long Eaton, Beeston, Nottingham, Newark-on-Trent, Gainsborough
Mersey	Confluence of River Tame and River Goyt in Stockport	Irish Sea	Liverpool, Birkenhead, Stockport, Runcorn, Warrington, Widnes and Ellesmere Port
Thames	Thames Head, Gloucestershire in the Cotswolds	North Sea	Cricklade, Radcot, Newbridge, Oxford, Abingdon, Wallingford, Reading, Henley-on-Thames, Marlow, Maidenhead, Windsor, Staines-upon-Thames, Walton-on-Thames, Kingston upon Thames, Teddington, London
Severn	Cambrian Mountains	Bristol Channel	Llanidloes, Newtown, Welshpool, Shrewsbury, Ironbridge, Bridgnorth, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcester, Tewksbury, Gloucester and Bristol
Conwy	Snowdonia	Irish Sea	Betws-y-Coed, Llanrwst, Trefriw, Dolgarrog, Conwy
Tyne	Warden Rock, near Hexham where the North Tyne (with its source in Kielder, Northumberland) and the South Tyne (with its source in Alston Moor, Cumbria) meet.	North Sea	Corbridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, Hebburn, Jarrow, Wallsend and South Shields
Clyde	Southern Uplands of Scotland	Firth of Clyde	Crawford, Abington and Crossford, Glasgow, Greenock, Lanark, Bothwell
Tweed	Southern Uplands of Scotland	North Sea	Coldstream, Berwick Upon Tweed

On the Move

Press the play button to watch this video about the changing position of the source of the River Thames. (video link found on the plan)

