

[ˈrɪvə] *n*

1. река

transboundary rivers - реки, протекающие по территории нескольких государств

riverline - водный рубеж; водная преграда

riverbarrier - **воен.** водная преграда, водный рубежrivercrossing - **воен.** форсирование реки, преодоление водного рубежа

to cross the river - а) переправиться через реку; б) преодолеть препятствие; в) умереть

2. поток

a river of lava [of tears, of blood] - поток лавы [слёз, крови]

◇ to follow /to get on/ the river - **амер.** получить работу в речном порту или на речном судне; стать речникомto go down the river - **амер. уст.** быть проданным на юг (о неграх-рабах)to sell smb. down the river - **амер. уст.** а) продать на юг; б) продать в рабство; в) предать кого-л.to send up the river - **амер. сл.** упечь /засадить/ в тюрьму**river**

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river [river rivers] *BrE* [ˈrɪvə(r)] *n* *NAmE* [ˈrɪvəɹ] *noun*

1. (abbr. R.) a natural flow of water that continues in a long line across land to the sea/ocean

- the River Thames
- the Hudson River
- on the banks of the river (= the ground at the side of a river)
- to travel **up/down river** (= in the opposite direction to/in the same direction as the way in which the river is flowing)
- the mouth of the river (= where it enters the sea/ocean)
- Can we swim **in the river** ?
- a boat on the river
- They have a house on the river (= beside it) .



2. ~ (of sth) a large amount of liquid that is flowing in a particular direction

- Rivers of molten lava flowed down the mountain.

see sell sb down the river **at** ↑sell *v.*Word Origin:Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French, based on Latin *riparius*, from *ripa* 'bank of a river' .Thesaurus:**river** *noun* **C**

- A new bridge was built across the River Thames.

waterway • • **stream** • • **tributary** • • **canal** • |*AmE*, *AustralE* **creek** •a **narrow** river/waterway/stream/canala river/stream/tributary/canal/creek **flows**a river/stream/canal/creek **runs**Example Bank:

- He dived into the river.
- How are we going to get across the river?
- I had decided to follow the river to my destination.
- Let's go down to the river at sunset.
- The bridge once spanned the river Serein.
- The river had overflowed its banks.
- The river has risen with the rains.
- The river is navigable by vessels of up to 90 tons.
- The river is still high after the recent rain.
- The river rises in Bulgaria and flows through Greece to the Aegean.
- The river rises in central Africa.
- The river was swollen after the floods.
- The river was too wide to swim across comfortably.
- The river winds its way through the hills.
- The rocks and sandbanks make the river hard to navigate.
- There was a boat on the river.
- There's a bridge across the river.
- They sailed down the river.
- They were waiting for us on the other side of the river.

- They're dredging the river to make it safer for larger boats.
- They've bridged the river at four points.
- This river dried up long ago.
- This river flows into the Gulf of Mexico.
- Trout live in this river.
- We crossed the river by boat.
- We had to swim the river, which is deep and very rapid.
- We walked along the river.
- We were sailing up the river.
- Wildlife groups are protesting against the proposal to dam the river.
- a river of lava
- a rivertown in Borneo
- as smooth as river rocks
- major rivers such as the Congo
- plans to divert the river further north
- the Ganges and other sacred rivers
- the mighty River Nile
- when the river level is low
- Eventually we came to the mouth of the River Thames.
- There were a few trees along the river bank.
- They have a house on the river.
- They live in a houseboat on the river.
- the Hudson/Euphrates River

river

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river **S2 W2** /'rɪvə/\$ -ər/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: rivièr, from Latin riparius 'of a river bank', from ripa 'bank, shore']

1. a natural and continuous flow of water in a long line across a country into the sea ⇒ **stream**:

- the Mississippi River
- the River Thames

on a river

- There were several boats on the river.

along a river

- We went for a walk along the river.

up/down (a) river

- a ship sailing up river
- They drifted slowly down river.

across a river

- a bridge across the river

► Be careful about word order with river names - you say *the River Thames, the River Nile, the River Amazon etc, but the Hudson River, the Mississippi River etc.*

2. a large amount of moving liquid

river of

- a river of hot lava flowing from the volcano

⇒ **sell somebody down the river** at ¹sell¹(10)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **a river flows** The River Avon flows through the town of Stratford.
- **a river runs** (=it flows in a particular direction) the place where the river runs into the sea
- **a river winds** (=it turns and curves, rather than going in a straight line) He could see the river winding across the plain.
- **a river floods** There are fears that the river could flood.
- **a river dries up** Further downstream the river has dried up completely several times in recent years.
- **a river narrows** (=it becomes narrower) The river narrows at this point.
- **a river rises somewhere formal** (=it starts there) The River Euphrates rises in Turkey and flows through Syria.
- **cross a river** Cross the river by the road bridge and then turn right.
- **ford a river** (=cross a river on foot, in a vehicle, or on a horse, without using a bridge) The water was shallow enough for us to be able to ford the river.
- **navigate a river** (=to travel along a river) The narrow cliffs once made the river dangerous to navigate.

■ adjectives

- **wide/broad** We crossed the wide River Rhone the following morning.
- **long** The Severn is the longest river in Britain.
- **swollen/high** (=containing more water than usual) After the rains, the river was swollen. | The river was high and running quite swiftly.
- **fast-flowing** The child fell into a fast-flowing river.
- **a mighty river** (=very big and impressive) Cairo sits at the mouth of the mighty river Nile.
- **a river is navigable** (=people are able to travel along it in a boat) The river is navigable in the winter months.

■ river + NOUN

- **the river bank** Crowds lined the river banks to watch the boat race.

- **a river bed** (=the bottom of a river) They walked along a dry riverbed.
- **a river valley** They came to a wide river valley.

phrases

- **the banks of a river** (=the land near a river) He bought a house on the banks of the RiverWye.
- **the mouth of a river** (=where it joins the sea) The Statue of Liberty stands at the mouth of the Hudson River.
- **the source of a river** (=the place where it starts) Where exactly is the source of the RiverGanges?
- **the upper/lower etc reaches of a river** (=the upper, lower etc parts) We sailed down the lower reaches of the river.
- **a bend in a river** He rounded a bend in the river and saw Flora sitting there.
- **a river is in spate** *British English* (=it is very full and the water is flowing very quickly) The snow had just melted and the rivers were in spate.

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THESAURUS

- **river** a line of water that flows into the sea: They crossed the river by ferry. | the RiverTweed | the Yangtze river
- **tributary** a stream or river that flows into a larger river: The River Trombetas is a tributary of the River Amazon.
- **estuary** the wide part of a river where it goes into the sea: plans to build a big new airport on the Thames estuary
- **canal** a long passage dug into the ground and filled with water, either for boats to travel along, or to take water to a place: Venice's famous canals | a canal boat
- **delta** an area of low land where a river spreads into many smaller rivers near the sea: the Nile delta

a small river

- **stream** a small narrow river: a cool mountain stream
- **brook** *literary* a small stream: There was a small brook, rushing and sparkling along between green banks.
- **creek** a narrow area of sea that goes into the land, or a small river: The River Fal with its many creeks was a perfect place for smugglers. | The kids hunted for crabs in the muddy creek.

parts of a river

- **mouth** the part of a river where it joins the sea: Havre-Marat was a port at the mouth of the River Seine.
- **bank** land along the side of a river: the river bank | He owns a chateau on the banks of the River Loire.
- **source** the place where a river or stream starts: The source of the River Nile was discovered by a British explorer, John Speke.

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