

# Year 3 UK Geography

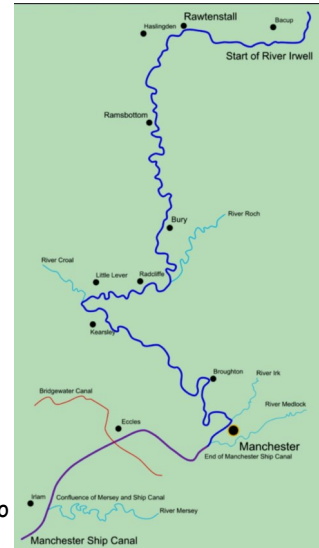
## Rivers and Mountains

### Key Learning



The UK has many rivers. The **River Severn** is the longest of all the rivers in the UK. The **River Thames** is the second longest river and flows through the capital city of London.

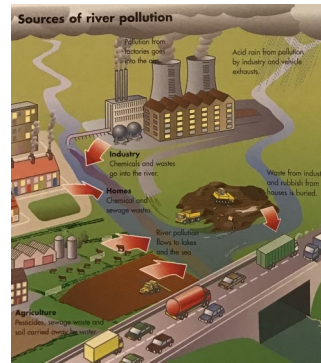
The **River Irwell** flows through Salford before joining the River Mersey.



Rivers are important for lots of different reasons including:

Water for drinking and washing, agriculture, leisure, transportation and energy.

Because of this, **settlements** are often found near rivers.



Rivers often get polluted due to the actions of humans.



Rivers are formed in hills or mountains when water falls from the sky (this could be as rain, sleet or snow etc) or when water comes up from underground through a spring.

The water runs down hill towards the sea.

OS maps use symbols to show important things (other maps, like maps online, sometimes use different symbols) These are some of the symbols you might see near rivers :



### Key Vocabulary

|                |   |
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| Spring         | A place where water comes up from underground.                  |
| Well           | A hole dug into the ground to get water.                        |
| Source         | Where the river begins.   |
| tributaries    | Smaller rivers that join the main river.                        |
| meander        | Bends in the river.   |
| mouth          | Where the river ends.   |
| banks          | The sides of the river.   |
| erosion        | When the water slowly destroys the sides of the river banks.    |
| transportation | Moving of things from one place to another.                     |
| stream         | A small, narrow river.  |
| settlement     | A place where people have chosen to live and start a community. |
| peak           | The pointed top of a mountain.                                  |
| range          | A chain of hills or mountains.                                  |
| mountain       | An elevated portion of the Earth's crust.                       |