



Discovery Worksheets

River systems

1. Read pages 8–9 of the *Atlas of Discovery*, and then match the words below with the definitions that follow.

sediment

vertical

plunge pool

headwaters

delta

gorge

meander

inside

oxbow lake

distributaries

valley

drainage basin

- Steep-sided valley caused by a series of collapsed waterfalls
- The start of a river
- The side of the meander on which deposits build up
- The area of land which feeds a river with water
- Eroded sand, stones and soil carried in a river
- Crescent-shaped lake formed by a meander that has been cut off
- The type of erosion forming V-shaped valleys
- Low land between hills or mountains
- Small branches of a river in a delta
- Pool which forms below a waterfall
- Deposits of silt at the mouth of a river
- A large bend in a river

2. Draw a sketch of a river basin below and include all of the terms shown in question 1.



Atlas of Discovery, pp. 8–9