

Grade 7 Natural Science Worksheet

Assessment Task: Rivers of the world

Famous rivers

Part One: Find the rivers

Find the rivers in the word search from the block below.

O	K	A	V	A	N	G	O	Q	M	N	D	R	R
M	X	B	X	S	U	B	Y	A	N	G	T	S	E
I	H	L	D	Z	I	D	G	F	B	E	D	J	W
S	Q	O	G	W	F	L	A	I	T	C	X	O	S
S	F	O	U	A	Z	U	N	S	D	O	W	R	V
I	I	D	S	X	T	S	G	H	C	L	I	D	X
S	A	M	A	Z	O	N	E	I	O	O	O	A	U
S	X	N	Z	T	W	X	S	O	P	R	V	N	T
I	E	M	I	K	T	K	R	M	U	A	Q	B	H
P	U	N	W	L	X	C	L	U	B	D	A	R	I
P	D	A	G	H	E	M	S	N	S	O	T	L	T
I	W	Y	A	Z	R	E	M	F	F	O	B	C	N

GANGES	OB	JORDAN	MISSISSIPPI
NILE	YANGTSE	FISH	BLOOD
OKAVANGO	AMAZON	COLORADO	

[10 marks]

Part Two: Research about rivers

Choose any five of the rivers you found in the word search.

Research two facts about each of these rivers.

[10 marks]

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	10	See Appendix of Assessment Tools.
2	10: 2 facts per river; five rivers selected.	<p>The Nile River in North East Africa is 6 671 km long and considered to be the longest river in the world.</p> <p>The Amazon river in South America is a very close second at 6 440 km. Very interestingly, the source of the Amazon was only discovered in 1971, in the snowy lakes high in the Andes Mountains.</p> <p>The third longest river is the Yangtse which flows across China. It is 6 276 km long. Fourth longest is the Mississippi in the USA.</p> <p>The world's longest estuary is that of the Ob River in Russia, which is up to 80 km wide and 885 km long. The Ob is also the biggest river to freeze solid in winter. It is the fifth longest river in the world.</p> <p>Some rivers have become famous for the way they have shaped the land. The Colorado River in Arizona, USA, carved the greatest canyon in the world, the Grand Canyon. This canyon is about 466 km long and is about 1 600 m deep, with sheer cliff sides in some places.</p> <p>The Okavango River in Botswana is famous for its inland delta in the area known as the Okavango swamps.</p> <p>Many rivers are famous for their cultural or historical significance.</p> <p>The Ganges River which flows through India and Bangladesh is regarded by the Hindu people as the holiest of rivers. It was named after the goddess Ganga, the daughter of the mountain god Himalaya. Pilgrimage sites are particularly significant along the river.</p> <p>The Jordan River, in the Middle East, is of worldwide cultural, religious and geographical significance. The countries Israel, Jordan and Syria all have religious and cultural ties to the river. Because rivers often form the borders between countries, they are frequently the sites of historical battles and war. Many rivers in South Africa are famous for this reason.</p> <p>Blood River, the Vaal River and the Fish River are examples of South African rivers associated with war and battle.</p>

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Appendix of Assessment Tools

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S	A	M	A	Z	O	N	E	I	O	O	O	A	U
S	X	N	Z	T	W	X	S	O	P	R	V	N	T
I	E	M	I	K	T	K	R	M	U	A	Q	B	H
P	U	N	W	L	X	C	L	U	B	D	A	R	I
P	D	A	G	H	E	M	S	N	S	O	T	L	T
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