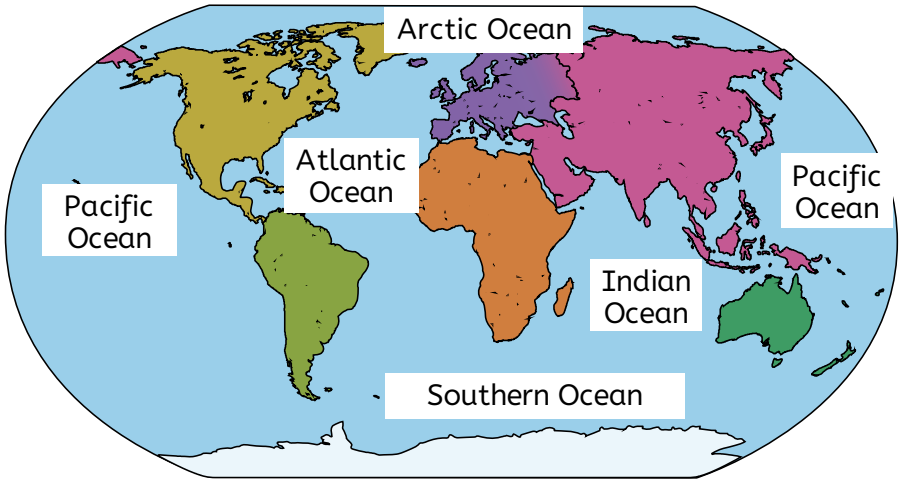
Rivers, Seas and Oceans

Water covers more than half of Earth's surface. Most of it is saltwater that is contained in **seas** and **oceans**.

Oceans of the world

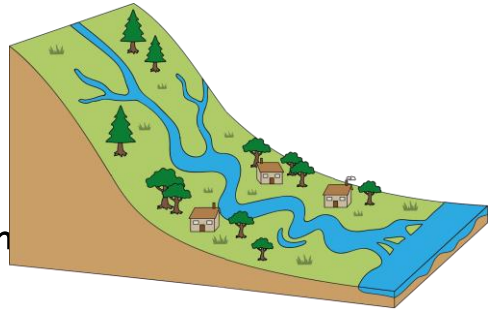


Seas around the UK

The seas around the United Kingdom flow into the Atlantic Ocean.

Rivers

A **river** begins in a **highland area** at a place called the **source**. There are lots of mountains, valleys and forests near the source of the river.



The **river** flows downhill.

The **river** meets the sea (or **ocean** or other river) at the **mouth**. This is in a **lowland** area, where the land is usually flat.

Humans have always used rivers, seas and oceans for work (**economic** activities) and play (**leisure** activities).

Key vocabulary

- **mouth**: (noun) the place in a lowland area where a river enters a lake, larger river or the ocean
- **ocean**: (noun) an ocean is a large area of saltwater between continents
- **overfishing**: (noun) taking more fish than the sea or ocean can sustain
- **river**: (noun) a large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake or another river
- **seas**: (noun) seas are smaller than oceans and are usually located where the land and ocean meet
- **source**: (noun) the place in a highland area where a river begins