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## Matching: Rivers

Why did the basketball player bring a suitcase with him to a ball game? Just in case he travels!

Match the words in the word bank to their matching clue.

1. INTERMITTENT Rivers or streams that dry up for part of the year are called \_\_\_\_\_ streams.
2. IRRIGATION Many rivers are used as a means of \_\_\_\_\_, bringing water to the surrounding land.
3. EROSION Process by which moving water wears away material from the bottom or banks of a river.
4. WATERSHED A line that divides two adjacent river systems.
5. FLOOD The rising of a river and its overflowing onto normally dry land.
6. VALLEY A long depression in the surface of the land that usually contains a river.
7. HYDROLOGIC The process by which water moves continuously through land, water, and air is called the water cycle or the \_\_\_\_\_ cycle.
8. AMAZON Largest river in South America.
9. GRAVITY Force that causes water to flow in a certain direction.
10. EUPHRATES This river was important in the development of several great civilizations in ancient Mesopotamia.
11. MOUTH The place where a river or stream empties into another body of water.

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12. OXBOW LAKE A crescent-shaped lake that is formed when a meander of a river is cut off from the main channel.
  13. FALLS A steep descent of the water of a river.
  14. POWER Many rivers are used to generate hydro-electric \_\_\_\_\_.
  15. SOURCE Where a river begins.
  16. DRAINAGE BASIN The geographical area draining into a river.
  17. TRIBUTARY A branch that flows into the main stream.
  18. DELTA A low triangular area where a river divides before entering a larger body of water.
  19. OCEAN A possibly river destination.
  20. NILE Largest river in Africa.
  21. RAIN One source of water renewal in rivers.
  22. MEANDER A curve in a stream.
  23. DISCHARGE The volume of water that a river carries.
  24. DAM A barrier constructed to contain the flow of water or to keep out the sea.
  25. MISSISSIPPI A major North American river and flows southward into the Gulf of Mexico.

watershed	ocean	flood	Nile
valley	mouth	falls	Amazon
tributary	meander	erosion	Mississippi
source	irrigation	drainage basin	Euphrates
rain	intermittent	discharge	
power	hydrologic	delta	
oxbow lake	gravity	dam	

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