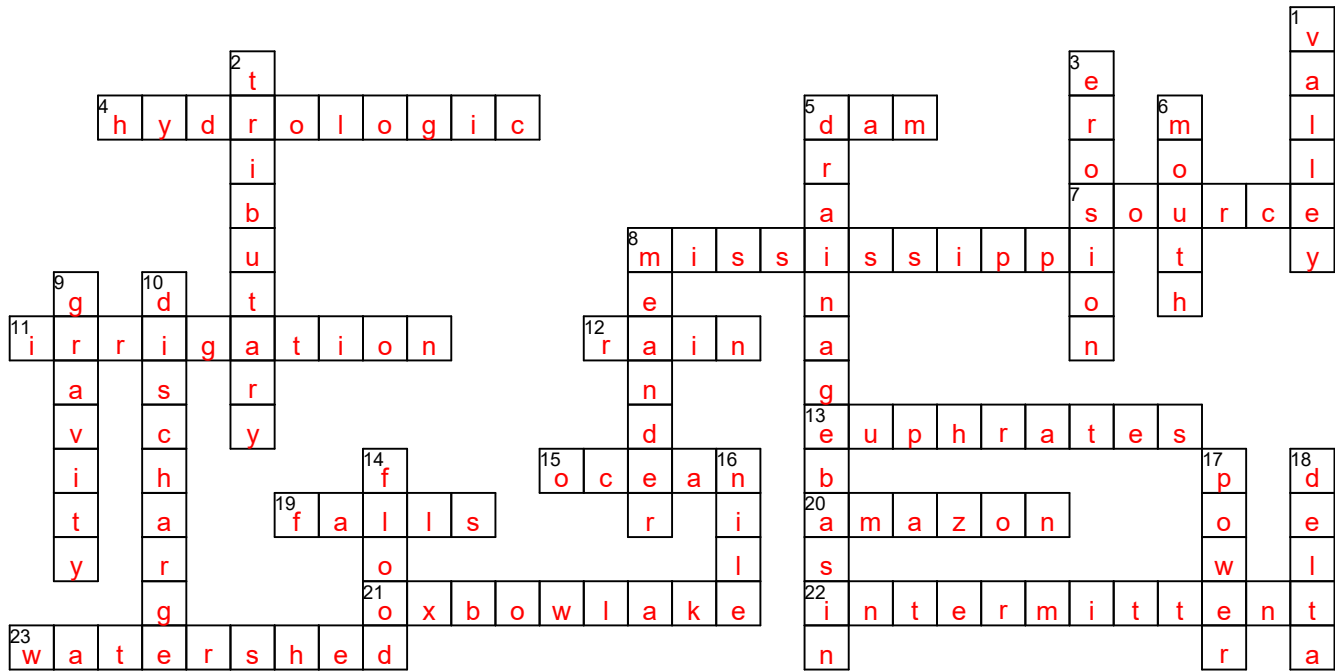


# Rivers Crossword Puzzle

1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct answer in the numbered grid below.



## ACROSS

4. The process by which water moves continuously through land, water, and air is called the water cycle or the \_\_\_\_\_ cycle.
5. A barrier constructed to contain the flow of water or to keep out the sea.
7. Where a river begins.
8. A major North American river and flows southward into the Gulf of Mexico.
11. Many rivers are used as a means of \_\_\_\_\_, bringing water to the surrounding land.
12. One source of water renewal in rivers.
13. This river was important in the development of several great civilizations in ancient Mesopotamia.
15. A possible river destination.
19. A steep descent of the water of a river.
20. Largest river in South America.
21. A crescent-shaped lake that is formed when a meander of a river is cut off from the main channel.
22. Rivers or streams that dry up for part of the year are called \_\_\_\_\_ streams.
23. A line that divides two adjacent river systems.

## DOWN

1. A long depression in the surface of the land that usually contains a river.
2. A branch that flows into the main stream.
3. Process by which moving water wears away material from the bottom or banks of a river.
5. The geographical area draining into a river.
6. The place where a river or stream empties into another body of water.
8. A curve in a stream.
9. Force that causes water to flow in a certain direction.
10. The volume of water that a river carries.
14. The rising of a river and its overflowing onto normally dry land.
16. Largest river in Africa.
17. Many rivers are used to generate hydro-electric \_\_\_\_\_.
18. A low triangular area where a river divides before entering a larger body of water.

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