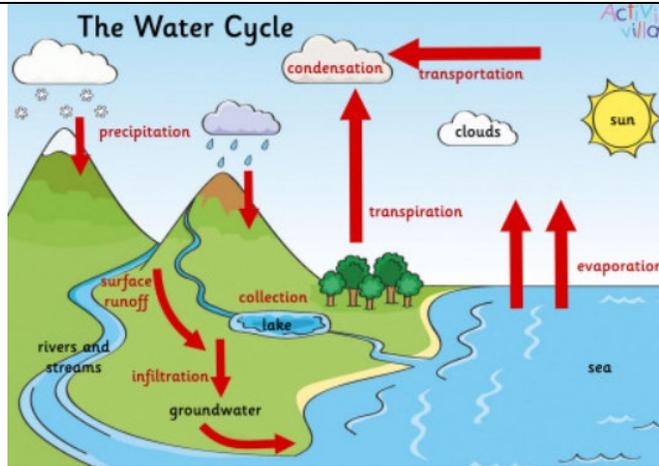


# Geography Knowledge Organiser – Water



## Key Vocabulary

environment	The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.
water cycle	The <b>water cycle</b> describes how <b>water</b> evaporates from the surface of the earth, rises into the atmosphere, cools and condenses into rain or snow in clouds, and falls again to the surface as precipitation.
major	Important, serious, or significant.
locate	Discover the exact place or position of.
globe	A spherical representation of the earth
map	A diagrammatic representation of an area of land or sea showing physical features, cities, roads, etc.
pollution	The presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance which has harmful or poisonous effects.
harmful	Causing or likely to cause harm.
waste water	Is any <b>water</b> that has been contaminated by human use.

## Key Information

Being a relatively small Island, the UK's rivers are not very long.

**The longest river in the UK is the river Severn**, just 220 miles in length It begins in Wales and enters the Atlantic Ocean near Bristol in England.

**Other major rivers** include the **Thames**, which flows through Oxford and London, and the **Trent** and Merseyrivers, which drain rainfall from large areas of central England.

### The Thames

Among the most important rivers in the UK is the **Thames**, which flows into the North Sea. Its length is 346 km and it is the deepest river in Britain. It is navigable as far as the capital of Great Britain – London.



**Water pollution** is the **contamination** of **water** bodies, usually as a result of human activities. **Water** bodies include for example lakes, rivers, oceans, aquifers and groundwater. **Water pollution** results when contaminants are introduced into the natural environment.



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