

Need another word that means the same as “river”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “river” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “River” are: watercourse, waterway, stream, tributary, brook, inlet, rivulet, rill, runnel, streamlet, freshet, torrent, flood, deluge, cascade**

## River as a Noun

### Definitions of "River" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “river” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Used in names of animals and plants living in or associated with rivers, e.g. river dolphin.*
- *A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel to the sea, a lake, or another river.*
- *A large quantity of a flowing substance.*
- *A large natural stream of water (larger than a creek).*

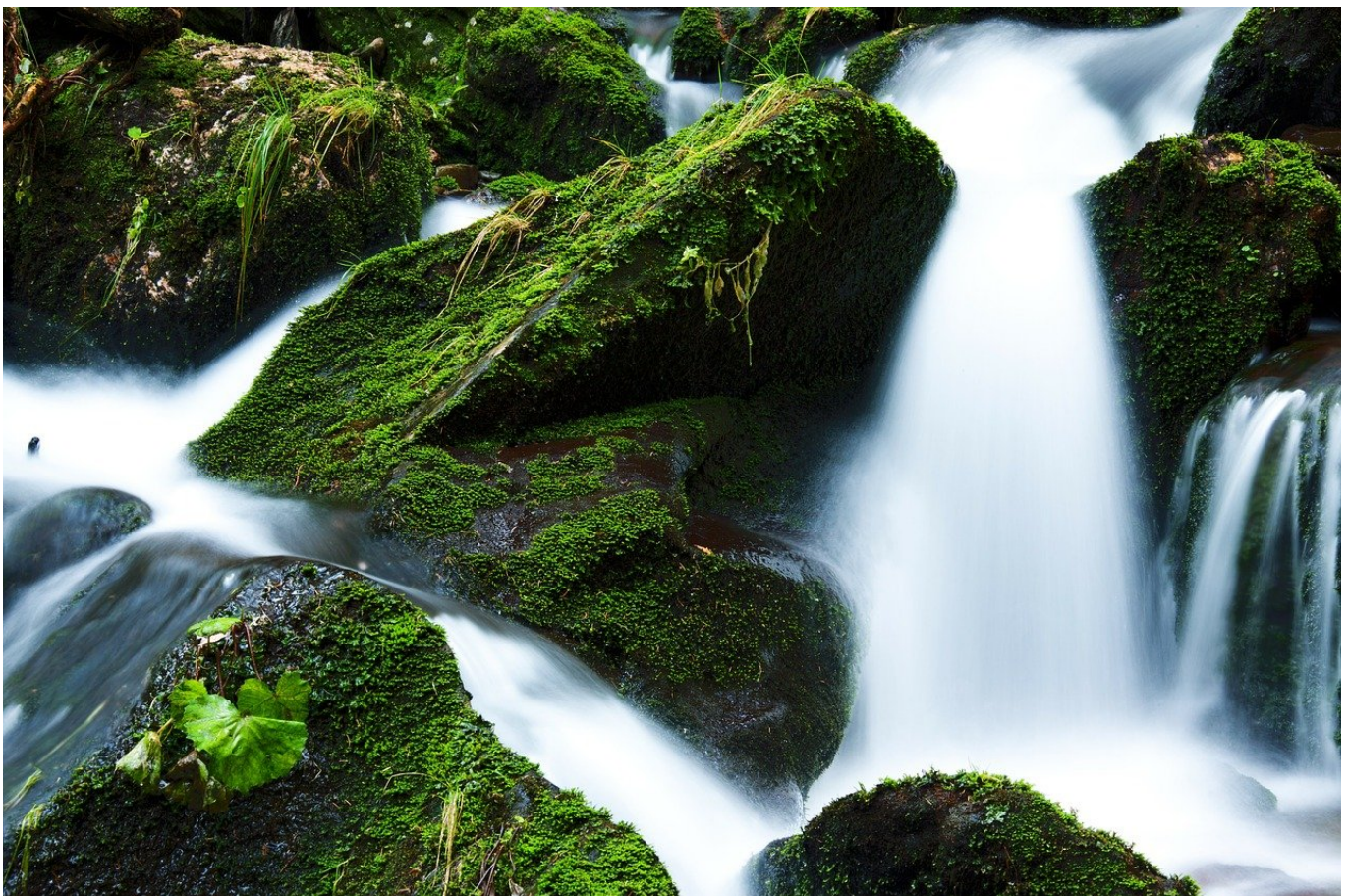


## Synonyms of "River" as a noun (15 Words)

<b>brook</b>	A natural stream of water smaller than a river (and often a tributary of a river. <i>The Lake District boasts lovely lakes and babbling <b>brooks</b>.</i>
<b><u>cascade</u></b>	A sudden downpour (as of tears or sparks etc) likened to a rain shower. <i>The waterfall raced down in a series of <b>cascades</b>.</i>
<b>deluge</b>	An overwhelming number or amount. <i>This may be the worst <b>deluge</b> in living memory.</i>
<b>flood</b>	The biblical flood brought by God upon the earth because of the wickedness of the human race Gen 6 ff. <i><b>Floods</b> of tourists come each year to marvel at the sights.</i>
<b>freshet</b>	The occurrence of a water flow resulting from sudden rain or melting snow.
<b>inlet</b>	An opening through which fluid is admitted to a tube or container. <i>An air <b>inlet</b>.</i>
<b>rill</b>	A small stream.



<b>rivulet</b>	A brownish European moth with white markings, occurring in rough grassland. <i>Sweat ran in <b>rivulets</b> down his back.</i>
<b>runnel</b>	A brook or rill. <i>Muddy lanes with <b>runnels</b> for effluent.</i>
<u><a href="#">stream</a></u>	Something that resembles a flowing stream in moving continuously. <i>Frank blew out a <b>stream</b> of smoke.</i>
<b>streamlet</b>	A small stream.
<u><a href="#">torrent</a></u>	A violently fast stream of water (or other liquid). <i>After the rains the stream becomes a raging <b>torrent</b>.</i>
<b>tributary</b>	A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake. <i>The Illinois River a <b>tributary</b> of the Mississippi.</i>
<b>watercourse</b>	The bed along which a watercourse flows. <i>A dry <b>watercourse</b>.</i>
<b>waterway</b>	A navigable body of water. <i>The canal was a very successful commercial <b>waterway</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "River" as a noun

- *The Mekong River.*
- *River pollution.*
- *The river was navigable for 50 miles.*
- *The River Danube.*
- *Great rivers of molten lava.*



## Associations of "River" (30 Words)

- brook** A small stream.  
*The Lake District boasts lovely lakes and babbling **brooks**.*
- canoe** Travel in or paddle a canoe.  
*He had once **canoed** down the Nile.*
- capsize** (of a boat) be overturned in the water.  
*Don't rock the boat or it will **capsize**.*



<b>carp</b>	A deep-bodied freshwater fish, typically with barbels around the mouth. Carp are farmed for food in some parts of the world and are often kept in large ponds.
<b>coastal</b>	Located on or near or bordering on a coast. <b>Coastal</b> marshes.
<b>creek</b>	A natural stream of water smaller than a river (and often a tributary of a river). <i>A sandy beach in a sheltered <b>creek</b>.</i>
<b>eel</b>	The fatty flesh of eel an elongate fish found in fresh water in Europe and America large eels are usually smoked or pickled.
<b>estuary</b>	The wide part of a river where it nears the sea; fresh and salt water mix.
<b>fishery</b>	A fishing ground or area where fish are caught.
<b>fishing</b>	The act of someone who fishes as a diversion. <i>The area is renowned for its excellent deep sea <b>fishing</b>.</i>
<b>float</b>	A floating device on the surface of a liquid which forms part of a valve apparatus controlling flow in and out of the enclosing container e g in a water cistern or a carburettor. <i>He <b>float</b>ed the kick into the net.</i>
<b>ford</b>	A shallow area in a stream that can be forded.
<b>herring</b>	A fairly small silvery fish which is most abundant in coastal waters and is of widespread commercial importance.
<b>lamprey</b>	Primitive eellike freshwater or anadromous cyclostome having round sucking mouth with a rasping tongue.
<b>mackerel</b>	A predatory marine fish with a greenish-blue back, important as a food fish.
<b>minnow</b>	Used in names of small freshwater fishes similar to the minnow e g mudminnow topminnow. <i>The paper is a <b>minnow</b> in the national newspaper mass market.</i>
<b>pickerel</b>	A young pike.
<b>pike</b>	Used in names of predatory fish with large teeth other than the true pike e g garpike.
<b>raft</b>	Make into a raft. <i>Great <b>rafts</b> of cormorants often 5 000 strong.</i>
<b>roach</b>	A cockroach.
<b>salmon</b>	The flesh of the salmon as food. <i>Cotton checked throw in cream and <b>salmon</b> pink.</i>
<b>sea</b>	A roughly definable area of the sea. <i>There was still some <b>sea</b> running.</i>
<b>stingray</b>	A bottom-dwelling marine ray with a flattened diamond-shaped body and a long poisonous serrated spine at the base of the tail.

- stream** The act of flowing or streaming continuous progression.  
*She was **streaming** with sweat.*
- terrapin** A small edible turtle with lozenge-shaped markings on its shell, found in coastal marshes of the eastern US.
- thames** The longest river in England; flows eastward through London to the North Sea.
- tributary** Tending to bring about; being partly responsible for.  
*The Illinois River a **tributary** of the Mississippi.*
- trout** Flesh of any of several primarily freshwater game and food fishes.
- tuna** The flesh of the tuna as food.
- valley** A low area of land between hills or mountains, typically with a river or stream flowing through it.  
*The **valley** floor.*

