

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)

### **brook**

A natural stream of water smaller than a river (and often a tributary of a river).

*The Lake District boasts lovely lakes and babbling **brooks**.*

### **cascade**

A sudden downpour (as of tears or sparks etc) likened to a rain shower.

*The waterfall raced down in a series of **cascades**.*

### **deluge**

An overwhelming number or amount.

*This may be the worst **deluge** in living memory.*

### **flood**

The biblical flood brought by God upon the earth because of the wickedness of the human race Gen 6 ff.

***Floods** of tourists come each year to marvel at the sights.*

### **freshet**

The occurrence of a water flow resulting from sudden rain or melting snow.

### **inlet**

An opening through which fluid is admitted to a tube or container.

*An air **inlet**.*

### **rill**

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>
<b><u>stream</u></b>	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.
<b><u>torrent</u></b>	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**.*

- carp** 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.
- coastal** Located on or near or bordering on a coast.  
**Coastal marshes.**
- creek** A natural stream of water smaller than a river (and often a tributary of a river).  
*A sandy beach in a sheltered **creek**.*
- eel** The fatty flesh of eel an elongate fish found in fresh water in Europe and America large eels are usually smoked or pickled.
- estuary** The wide part of a river where it meets the sea; fresh and salt water mix.
- fishery** A fishing ground or area where fish are caught.
- fishing** The act of someone who fishes as a diversion.  
*The area is renowned for its excellent deep sea **fishing**.*
- float** 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.  
*He **float**ed the kick into the net.*
- ford** A shallow area in a stream that can be forded.
- herring** A fairly small silvery fish which is most abundant in coastal waters and is of widespread commercial importance.
- lamprey** Primitive eellike freshwater or anadromous cyclostome having round sucking mouth with a rasping tongue.
- mackerel** A predatory marine fish with a greenish-blue back, important as a food fish.
- minnow** Used in names of small freshwater fishes similar to the minnow e.g. mudminnow topminnow.  
*The paper is a **minnow** in the national newspaper mass market.*
- pickerel** A young pike.
- pike** Used in names of predatory fish with large teeth other than the true pike e.g. garpike.
- raft** Make into a raft.  
*Great **rafts** of cormorants often 5 000 strong.*
- roach** A cockroach.
- salmon** The flesh of the salmon as food.  
*Cotton checked throw in cream and **salmon** pink.*
- sea** A roughly definable area of the sea.  
*There was still some **sea** running.*
- stingray** 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.*

