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RIVERS AS A LIFELINE

Rivers - the lifeline of the human race, for thousands of years people all over the world have chosen to settle along the banks of rivers and streams, which gave them water for drinking and every day life, provided protection and were often the only transport routes. The landscape along the river banks has helped people to excel. The soil is rich and particularly fertile, producing rich harvests, and the climate is especially mild. Crop trees and fruit trees require little or no watering. This allows the agriculturalists to grow rich crops, using the irrigation or extensive and careful development throughout the entire region. Right up to the present day, rivers are extremely useful to us, but the above beauty and the natural world shaped by a river landscape have also fascinated and moved people across the centuries.

WHAT DOES THE RIVER PROVIDE?

LIVING WITH THE RIVER

Rivers are generally developed to the maximum of progress, to make them more easily navigable for boats and to provide the maximum of power. However, these rivers rarely discharge the water and the silt they carry to the sea. The water is held back in reservoirs and the silt is deposited in the riverbeds. This causes the water to become stagnant and the water quality to deteriorate. The water quality of these rivers is poor. The water is polluted with sewage, which causes the water to become very dirty. The water is also polluted with the silt. Because the water is so dirty, it is not safe to drink. The water is also polluted with the silt. Because the water is so dirty, it is not safe to drink. The water is also polluted with the silt. Because the water is so dirty, it is not safe to drink.

EXERCISE:

NO ENTRY

One hundred years ago our rivers were still better in a huge number of fish species. The best known are salmon, trout and eel. And fish are our stars. Salmon swims all the way from the sea upstream to their own spawning place to spawn. Eel, by contrast, swims downstream to the sea to return to their place of birth in the western Atlantic. Until only a few years ago it was the poor water quality that was responsible for the decline in our river fish stocks. But now, thanks to the dam, and thanks to the water quality of these rivers, fish stocks are beginning to recover. We still have a huge problem though - silt, rocks and hydropower plants prevent fish returning to their spawning areas or to their winter quarters. There is, however, a way round the problem. Fish can learn to climb a ladder.

EXERCISE: