

Answers

1. In your own words, explain how a river is made.

Accept appropriate summaries of the first paragraph of the text.

2. a) Why can the Nile river be seen from space?

Accept answers referring to the fact that there are many people living along the Nile's banks and the lights shine brightly at night.

- b) Why do you think so many people are living by this river?

Accept answers referring to the fact that the river provides water and transport for the people who live near to it.

3. How do you think the Amazon rainforest might depend on the Amazon river?

Accept answers which refer to the fact that trees need water to grow, or any reference to the water cycle.

4. Complete the sentences with the correct words from the text.

Rivers are **essential** for life as we know it. They carry **water** and important **nutrients** all around the earth and provide **habitats** for millions of **species** of plants and animals.

5. Name three ways in which humans use rivers.

Accept any three of the following:

- Drinking water
- Cleaning clothes
- Transport
- Leisure
- Washing
- Fishing
- Trading

6. Find and copy a caption from the text.

The Nile river has so many people living alongside it that the lights of the houses and streets can be seen from space.

7. a) What is the meaning of the word 'contaminate'?

Accept answers which suggest that children have found the word in the glossary, e.g. 'To contaminate is to make something impure or dirty by adding a new poisonous or damaging substance.'

- b) Why has the author put some words in **bold**?

Accept answers that refer to the fact that the words in bold are defined in the glossary. Also accept an acknowledgement that these are words that the reader may be unfamiliar with.

8. The subtitle 'Water Pollution' tells the reader what the next section of text is about. Can you think of another subtitle which could have been used?

Accept any subtitle which is short, catchy and gives the reader a sufficient summary of the section about polluted rivers.

9. Why do you think the author suggests avoiding putting oil and grease down the sink?

Accept answers which refer to the fact that sinks may drain into local rivers and that oil is on the list of chemicals which pollute water.

10. What do you think the author's purpose for writing this text was? Use evidence to support your answer.

Accept answers referring to the author's desire to inform readers about the significance of rivers so that they are more inclined to follow the advice about preventing pollution.