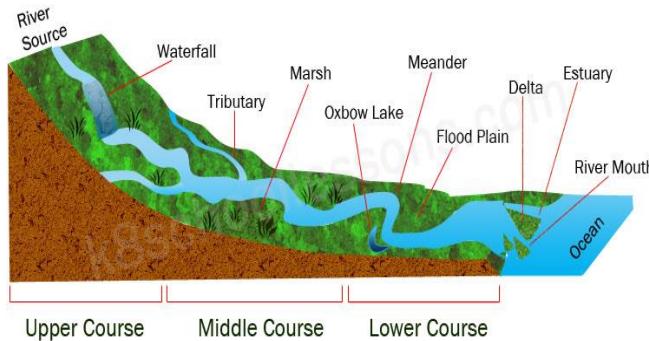


Year 4 – Rivers: what is the journey of the River Alt?

Key Vocabulary	
Source	Where a river begins.
Mid-course	The middle section of a river.
Mouth	Where a river ends.
bank	The land at the side of a river.
meander	A turn or winding of a river or stream.
tributary	A freshwater stream that feeds into a larger stream, river or body of water.
Stream/brook	A body of water that flows on the Earth's surface.
erosion	The wearing away of the land by forces such as water, wind, and ice.
estuary	An area where a freshwater river or stream meets the ocean.
waterway	A body of water through which ships can travel.
oxbows	A lake formed when a wide meander of a river is cut off, creating a new small lake.
4-figure grid reference	Numbers used for telling you where something is on a map.

Did you know?

The source of the River Mersey is actually located 40 miles away in Stockport, near Manchester.



Key Knowledge

- Know that the River Alt starts at Huyton and ends at Hightown; that the River Mersey starts at Stockport and ends at Liverpool; that the River Thames starts at the Cotswolds and ends at Essex coast.
- Know that rivers have a source, mid-course and a mouth – in that order.
- Know that rivers create their path from source to mouth through erosion – carving out their way to the sea.
- Know that meanders are a word to describe how rivers twist and turn as they erode the land.
- Know how to create a geographical sketch on a field visit.