

Rivers Vocabulary Matching Game

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	a large, usually artificial lake used to supply water		following a winding path or course that is specifically not straight or direct
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meander	mouth	reservoir	sediment	silt	source

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