Year 4
The Rhine and the Mediterranean

Key vocabulary	
confluence	The point where two rivers separate.
bank	Raised area of ground along the edge of a river, canal or lake.
port	A town or a city by the sea or on a river which has a harbour.
importing	To buy products from another country to use in your own country.
exporting	To sell products from your country and send them to other countries.
wetlands	An area of swampy or marshy land.
strait	A narrow strip of sea that joins two large areas of sea.
peninsula	A piece of land that is almost surrounded entirely by water.
canal	A long, narrow stretch of water that has been made for boats to travel along or to bring water to an area.
sea	Smaller than oceans and are usually located where the land and ocean meet. They are usually almost enclosed by land.





Humans often make changes to rivers or the land around rivers by building canals, ports or draining wetlands. This helps people control their waterways.

The River Rhine

The river's source is high up in the Alps in Switzerland.

The Rhine is 764 miles long and is the longest in Europe.



The Rhine flows through six countries.

The mouth of the Rhine is the North Sea.

The Mediterranean Sea



There are two smaller seas inside the Med: Balearic Sea and Aegean Sea.

It touches three continents: Africa, Europe and Asia.

It is almost an enclosed sea.