

**Rivers**

<b>Lesson 3: Why is the Volga River important to people?</b>	
<b>Subject knowledge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Volga is Europe's longest river (3,530 km) and is unusual in being entirely within the borders of one country, Russia. Russia is traditionally divided into European Russia (west of the Urals) and Asian Russia (east of the Urals).</li> <li>• The Volga is a good case study for the importance of a river as 50 per cent of Russia's farmland is within the Volga's drainage basin, with nearly 40 per cent of Russia's population (144 million) living in the same area.</li> <li>• The source of the Volga River is in the Valdai Hills, north-west of Moscow. Its reservoirs include some of the world's largest and its delta, with a length of 160 km, is the largest in Europe.</li> </ul>	
<b>Key questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where is the Volga River located?</li> <li>• How do people use the Volga River?</li> <li>• Why is the Volga River in danger?</li> </ul>	
<b>Activate prior knowledge</b>  <b>5 mins</b>	Lesson slides 1–7 and Work booklet page 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show pupils the main lesson question and Key questions.</li> <li>• Pupils complete the Quiz.</li> </ul>
<b>Explain/Explore</b>  <b>10 mins</b>	Lesson slide 8 and Work booklet page 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read 'About the Volga River' together and study the map.</li> <li>• Pupils should complete questions 1–3 in pairs.</li> </ul>
<b>Explain/Explore</b>  <b>20 mins</b>	Lesson slide 9 and Work booklet pages 13–14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read 'Uses of the Volga River' together. Check that pupils are clear on the meanings of terms such as 'sediment', 'floods', 'dams', 'reservoirs', 'freight' and 'timber'. Those not in the Knowledge organiser may be guessed from context.</li> <li>• Pupils should complete question 4 independently.</li> <li>• Pupils should discuss this question in pairs: What might you see on a trip along the Volga River?</li> </ul>
<b>Demonstrate understanding</b>  <b>10 mins</b>	Lesson slide 10 and Work booklet page 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read 'Volga River problems' and look at the diagram text together. Pupils can check the meaning of words in the Knowledge organiser if necessary.</li> <li>• Pupils should complete questions 5 and 6 in pairs.</li> </ul>
<b>Reflect</b>  <b>5 mins</b>	Lesson slide 11 and Work booklet page 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils should complete their Learning review.</li> <li>• Encourage them to write about the significance of the Volga River to the Russian people and what they think is most important. Ask them to share some of these ideas.</li> </ul>
<b>Formative assessment</b>	Lesson slide 12 and Work booklet page 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an opportunity for pupils to complete the unit progress check in assessment at this point.</li> </ul>