

Primary Education

Activity

WHAT DO RIVERS GIVE US?



OBJECTIVES

- To learn about the services that river ecosystems offer us
- To understand the damage humans would suffer if we don't take care of river ecosystems
- To learn to identify the different elements of river ecosystems

SKILLS DEVELOPED

- Scientific, technological and health culture
- Linguistic communication
- Humanistic and artistic culture

DEVELOPMENT

We propose visiting a stream or river near the school that is clean. Once there, we will ask the students the following questions:

1. In your opinion what does this river and its ecosystems give us?

Filling out this table will help you:

ELEMENT	WHAT BENEFIT DOES IT OFFER?
Water	
Vegetation	
Living beings	
Area around the river	
River landscape	

After filling out the table in groups, it will be discussed as a class to bring together the different ideas.

Afterwards, again in groups, we will try to answer these two questions:

2. How would the benefits listed above vary if the river were dirty, that is, if the water was contaminated or the river environment full of rubbish?

3. And if the river disappeared, for example, if it was diverted to give it another use or it dried up?

DISCUSS THE CONCLUSIONS

It is time to gather all the students and discuss as a class all the conclusions drawn.

PRESENT THE RESULTS

To conclude, we can summarise on a piece of cardboard the benefits analysed and the reasons we have found to protect this ecosystem.