

# the outdoor classroom

## watery words

**Subject focus:** Literacy

**Keywords:** Rivers, Poetry

**Skills learnt in this worksheet include:**

Observing  
Using literary images  
Group work  
Poetry

**Resources required for this activity:**

Poems or stories about rivers  
Strips of paper  
Frame sheet  
Summary sheet  
Glue  
A container (optional)

**Further information:**

[www.poemhunter.com](http://www.poemhunter.com)

**Ideas for activities on site or in the classroom.**

**It could be an individual activity or a group activity:**

**Read poems or stories about rivers.**

Discuss and identify adjectives and descriptive phrases that could be used to describe the River Crane at Kneller Gardens and Mereway Nature Park.

Words could reflect the character of the river, the look of the river, the landscape around the river, the feel of the river, the smell of the river, the weather, and so on.

- Write these words down and place them in a container for use later.
- Write some descriptive phrases and images using these words on strips of paper and return the sentences to the container.
- Create a poem about the river by picking out the phrases from the container and linking them together.
- Play around with order to create a poem that you feel reflects the character of the river.
- The final poem can be glued onto the summary sheet.
- Alternatively the words could be used to write a story or poem about the river.