

Why is the River Nile so important in Egypt?

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Where in the world is Egypt?



Farming facts

Agriculture	Cultivating land for growing crops or raising livestock.
Irrigation	The practice of supplying land with water so that crops and plants will grow.
Shaduf	A device used in Egypt for irrigation, consisting of a long suspended rod with a bucket at one end and a weight at the other.
Papyrus	Ancient Egyptians used the papyrus plant in many ways, such as making cloth, boxes, rope and paper.

Can you memorise all 11 African countries that the River Nile flows through?

The River Nile flows through 11 countries in Africa:

- 1) Tanzania
- 2) Uganda
- 3) Rwanda
- 4) Burundi
- 5) The Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 6) Kenya
- 7) South Sudan
- 8) Eritrea
- 9) Ethiopia
- 10) Sudan
- 11) Egypt



Farming

There were 3 Ancient Egyptian farming seasons:

- 1) Akhet—no farming was done because of the flooding, so the farmers worked for the Pharaoh building pyramids or temples.
- 2) Peret—In October, the River Nile flooded which left rich soil which was ploughed and seeded.
- 3) Shemu—Crops were harvested and candles were repaired for the next flood.



Satellite images of the River Nile.



What is the same?
What is different?

Important facts

Egypt	A country in North-East Africa.
River Nile	The longest river in the world, flowing over 6,600km.
Tributary	A stream or river that flows into a larger stream, river or lake. A tributary does not flow directly into a sea or
Delta	An area of low, flat land shaped like a triangle, where a river splits and spreads out into several branches before entering the sea.
Settlement	A place where people live.
Trade	The exchange of goods, money or services between countries or regions.
Transport	A way of carrying people or goods from one place to another.
Economic activity	Any activities involving money or the exchange of products or services.

Did you know?

Today, 95% of Egyptians live within a few kilometres of the River Nile!
Can you explain why?