

# The Murray–Darling Rivers — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- The Murray and Darling are Australia's longest and most important rivers.
- Together they drain a vast area called the Murray–Darling Basin.
- Their water is vital for farming, towns and wildlife.
- In droughts, there is not enough water to go around.

## Key vocabulary

- River basin — the land drained by a river system.
- Drought — a long period of little rain.
- Irrigation — supplying water to crops.
- Catchment — the area where rainfall collects into a river.

## Sharing the water

So many farms, towns and ecosystems depend on these rivers that deciding who gets the water — especially in droughts — is one of Australia's biggest challenges.

## Caring for rivers

Looking after the rivers means balancing the needs of farmers, towns, wildlife and the health of the river itself.