
ALONG THE DANUBE

Danube Day

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What do you	enjoy your work as a miller?
Do you	work?
Do you like	you start work in the morning?
When do	at night?
When do you finish	do?
Do you work	your spare time?
What do you do in	working here?

fish	dragonfly	tortoise
snake	otter	fox
mink	frog	duck
heron	crane	swan

2.2 RIVER QUIZ

■ Work in pairs and solve this quiz about rivers in Europe.

- 1 Rivers carry _____ downhill from mountains to the sea.
a) rainwater b) islands c) birds
- 2 The beginning of the river is called 'source' and the end of it is called '_____'.
a) neck b) foot c) mouth
- 3 The longest river in Europe is the _____ (3531 km).
a) Tisza b) Volga c) Elbe
- 4 The longest river in France is the _____ (1050 km). There are beautiful castles in its valley.
a) Loire b) Seine c) Nile
- 5 _____'s longest river is only 158 km.
a) France b) Hungary c) Denmark
- 6 _____'s longest river is the Elbe.
a) Britain b) Germany c) Greece
- 7 _____ stands on the River Seine.
a) Paris b) Berlin c) Rome
- 8 The River Thames runs through _____.
a) Madrid b) Stockholm c) London
- 9 The _____ is 2858 km long, so it is the second longest river of Europe.
a) Po b) Danube c) Vistula
- 10 The Danube runs through _____ countries.
a) 5 b) 10 c) 15

2.2 RIVER QUIZ SOLUTION

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- 5 Denmark's longest river is only 158 km.
- 6 Germany's longest river is the Elbe.
- 7 Paris stands on the river Seine.
- 8 The River Thames runs through London.
- 9 The Danube is 2858 km long, so it is the second longest river of Europe.
- 10 The Danube runs through 10 countries.

2.3 WORD SEARCH

■ Find 15 countries in this word search. The Danube flows through some countries but not through all of them. Look at your atlas and find the countries which the Danube does not flow through.

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T	R	Z	G	P	O	L	A	N	D	D	R	T	D	F	R	G	M

Countries along the Danube:

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Other countries:

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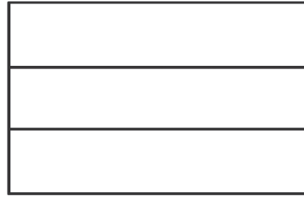
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UKRAINE		

2.3 TASK SHEET

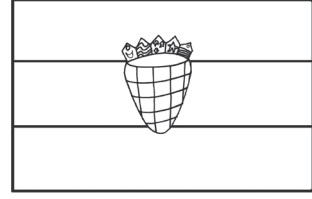
■ Colour the flags.



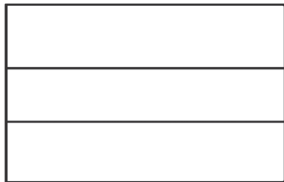
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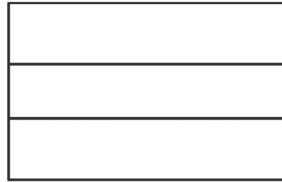
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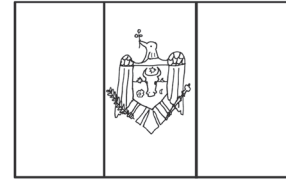
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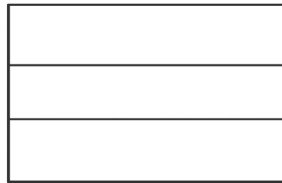
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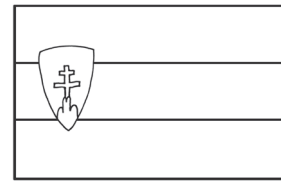
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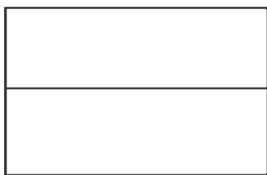
ROMANIA



SERBIA



SLOVAKIA



UKRAINE



MONTENEGRO

2.4 TEXT

THE RIVER OF LIFE

■ Fit the headlines in the text.



PLANTS

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

ANIMAL LIFE – MAMMALS AND REPTILES

ANIMAL LIFE – BIRDS AND FISH

COUNTRIES ALONG THE DANUBE

The Danube rises in the Black Forest in Germany and flows to the Black Sea via the Danube Delta in Romania. It is the second longest river in Europe. It is 2850 km long.

The river flows through – or forms a part of the borders of – ten countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine.

The Danube is an important international waterway. There are many important cities that the Danube flows through. They include Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, and Belgrade.

The wild life in the Danube Delta is very rich. Animals in the Danube Delta are mainly mammals: otters, minks, foxes, wild bears, wolves, polecats and hares. You can also see reptiles - tortoises, adders and colonies of snakes - there.

This is the place where millions of birds from different places on Earth come to lay their eggs. There are over 300 species of birds - herons, ibises, small cormorants, fishing eagles, sea eagles, seagulls, pelicans, Siberian singing swans, and cranes; Mongolian golden eagles, Chinese cormorants, Mandarin ducks and a lot of European songbirds.

There are over 40 species of freshwater fish. The area is under protection.

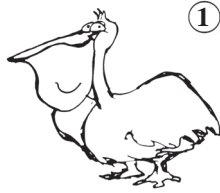
The Danube River basin is the longest marshland in Europe. It contains the greatest stretch of reedbeds in the world. There are many different species of water lilies. There are also many forests along the river.

True or false?

<input type="checkbox"/>	The Danube is the longest river in Europe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	It flows through Berlin, the capital city of Germany.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It rises in the Black Mountains in Germany.	<input type="checkbox"/>	You can't see many different mammals in the Danube Delta.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is an important waterway.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Millions of birds from different places of Earth come to lay their eggs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It flows through a lot of countries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The area is famous for its long reedbeds.

2.5 TASK SHEET

■ Match the descriptions and the pictures.



pelican



heron



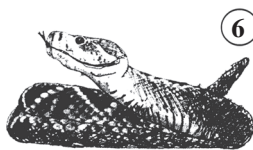
Mandarin duck



otter



mink



adder

This bird arrives at the Danube Delta from China. It is between 43-51cm long. The male is the most beautiful of all ducks. Its bill is red and it has white legs with yellow feet. The female is less colourful. It eats seeds, aquatic plants, insects, snails, fish, frogs and small snakes

This bird has got the longest beak of any bird in the world. It is large and heavy. It is about 180 cm long. It has got short legs, a long neck and webbed feet. It can swim very well. It eats fish. It can catch them with its huge beak.

This animal has got a long body and short legs. It's smaller than an otter. It is 40-45 cm long. Its tail is about 13-14 cm. It weighs 500-800 grams. It has got webbed feet. It can swim very well. It eats fish, frogs, snails, eggs and baby water birds.

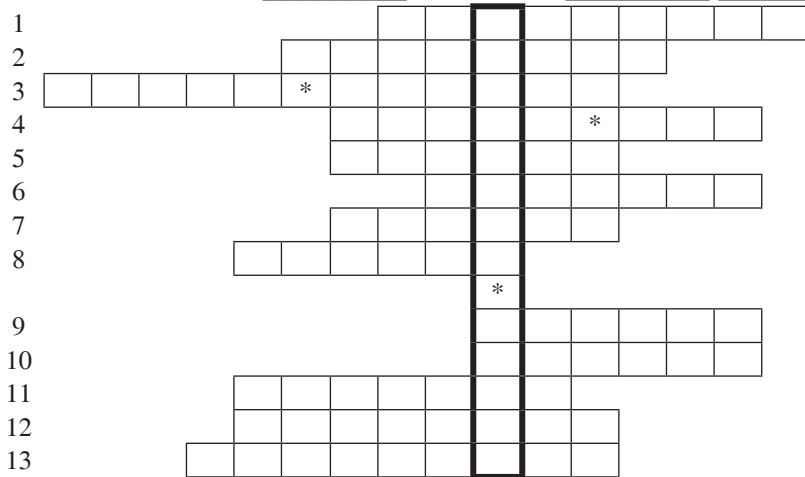
This animal is a reptile. It is very dangerous. It has got a long body. It is 30 cm - 2 m long and often has zigzag or diamond patterns. It hasn't got any legs.

This animal has got a long grey and brown body and short legs. It is 40-65 cm long and weighs about five kilos. It lives in and near water. It can swim very well. It eats fish, frogs, baby rabbits and baby ducks.

This bird is about 90 cm with very long legs and a long thin neck. It has got a long yellow beak. It can stand and wait in the reedbeds for hours. It can fly up on trees. It lives by lakes and rivers. It builds its nest on trees and bushes.

3.1 CROSSWORD PUZZLE

■ Read the text about the Danube and complete this crossword puzzle with the missing words. (_____ = 1 word; _____ = 2 words)



The Danube rises in the _____ (3) in Germany and flows to the _____ (4) via the Danube Delta in Romania. It is the second _____ (6) river in Europe. It is 2850 km long.

The river flows through – or forms a part of the borders of – ten countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine.

The Danube is an _____ (1) international _____ (2). There are many important _____ (5) that the Danube flows through. They include Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, and Belgrade.

The wild life in the _____ (7) Delta is very rich. Animals in the Danube Delta are mainly mammals: o_____ (8), minks, muskrats, foxes, wild bears, w_____ (9), polecats and hares. You can also see reptiles - tortoises, a_____ (10) and colonies of snakes - there.

This is the place where millions of birds from different places of Earth come to lay their eggs. There are over 300 species of birds - herons, ibises, small cormorants, fishing eagles, sea eagles, seagulls, pelicans, Siberian singing swans, and cranes, Mongolian golden eagles, Chinese cormorants, Mandarin ducks and many other European birds.

There are over 40 species of freshwater fish. The area is under protection.

Along the river are many _____(11). The Danube river basin is the longest marshland in Europe. It contains the greatest stretch of _____ (12) in the world. There are many different species of water lilies. And of course most European _____(13) can be heard here.

■ Study your atlas and complete this chart about rivers in Hungary.

Name of the river							
Where does it start?							
Where does it end?							
What kind of landscape does it flow through?							
What wildlife does it support?							
How is it used? (eg., for drinking water, swimming, boating, recreation, fishing, etc.)							
Is it polluted?							
Other interesting facts							

3.5 TASK SHEET

- 5 things children can do to save rivers
Find the matching pairs.

1	Read about rivers.
2	Visit a river with your parents.
3	Think about the beauty of the rivers.
4	Try to save water at home.
5	Talk to your parents about conservation.

	Find poems, listen to songs or watch films about rivers.
	Look around your home and check for ways to save water.
	Go to the library and find some books about rivers.
	They may help you with new ideas.
	Walk on the riverbank and watch wildlife.

4.1 BLANK MAP

■ Complete the map with the given words.



Black Forest	Germany	Vienna
Black Sea	Austria	Budapest
Danube Delta	Slovakia	Bratislava
	Hungary	Belgrade
	Croatia	
	Serbia	
	Bulgaria	
	Romania	
	Moldova	
	Ukraine	



RIVERSIDE WALK

- Take a book of plants and animals (Kis növényhatározó, Állatismeret), a clip board and pencils, coloured pencils, rubbers, small pieces of paper, glue with you. Try to find the necessary information. Draw and stick your drawings into the table.

A picture of a tree	Bark rubbing	Fallen leaves from the tree
A picture of a tree	Bark rubbing	Fallen leaves from the tree
A picture of a small plant	A picture of a flower	A picture of a flower
A paw print in the mud	A picture of the animal	Food of the animal

A paw print in the mud	A picture of the animal	Food of the animal
Something really interesting and beautiful		
Something really funny		
A photo of our group		

5.3.A EVALUATION FORM

DANUBE DAY PROJECT			
People in the group	Title of project	3 things we liked	One suggestion for improvement

5.3.A INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT FORM

Danube Day Project
Name
I learnt about
I spoke English to
I wrote about
I have improved in
I have problems with