

Red Challenge:

Write **TRUE** or **FALSE** for each statement below.

1. The river is personified in the poem. _____
2. The river does not stay in the same place. _____
3. The hill is a winder. _____
4. Hoarders always throw away their things. _____
5. The river stops flowing every night. _____
6. The river flows away the treasure it buries. _____
7. Like a baby, the river gurgles. _____
8. The river makes unhappy sounds when humming. _____
9. The river can sing notes of its songs. _____
10. If one is vexed, one is annoyed. _____

Choose the words given to fit the numbered blank.

The river is given human qualities in the poem. As a wanderer, it _____ (1) from place to place. Sometimes it can be a _____ (2) and has to beg as it flows along. As it does not stay long in the same place, it does not set its _____ (3) anywhere. While flowing, it twists and _____ (4) through hills and valleys. Like any hoarder, it _____ (5) whatever treasures it comes across. It sometimes gurgles like a baby. When it does this, it makes _____ (6) sounds. However, the river can be a _____ (7) too for it _____ (8) people who fall into it.

beggar monster travels camp
happy turns drowns hides

Yellow Challenge:

Read the poem "*The River*" by Valerie Bloom and identify keywords that show human qualities in each stanza.

Stanza 1	Stanza 2
Stanza 3	Stanza 4
Stanza 5	Stanza 6

*The River's a wanderer,
A nomad, a tramp.
He doesn't choose one place
To set up his camp.*

*The River's a winder,
Through valley and hill.
He twists and he turns,
He just cannot be still.*

*The River's a hoarder,
And he buries down deep
Those little treasures
That he wants to keep.*

*The River's a baby,
He gurgles and hums,
And sounds like he's happily
sucking his thumbs.*

*The River's a singer,
As he dances along,
The countryside echoes
The notes of his song.*

*The River's a monster
Hungry and vexed,
He's gobbled up trees
And he'll swallow you next.*

Green Challenge

The River by Valerie Bloom

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