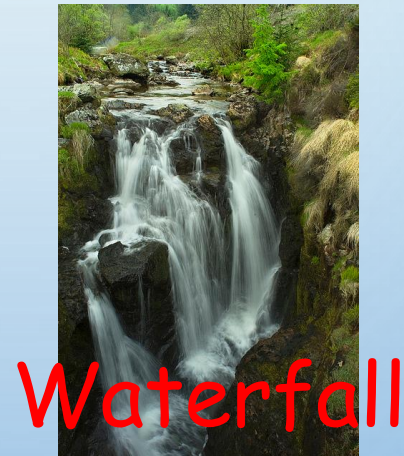



The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. Some droplets are in the top left, some in the bottom right, and others are smaller and more numerous in the center and bottom. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

HOW RIVERS ARE USED...

KEY FEATURES OF RIVERS...





How do
people use
rivers?

Rivers have always been an important source of food and water for animals and humans alike and this continues in the present day.



- In some countries rivers provide a key source of water and are used for daily washing and cleaning.



Once people built boats they used them to travel and transport goods and people along rivers.



Lots of major towns and cities have grown up around rivers because they use the river to import (bring in) and export (send out) goods from all over the world.



Avonmouth Docks at the mouth of the River Avon.

The city of Bristol has been built around a busy port.





Floodplains provide fertile farmland perfect for growing crops in, whilst people also use river water to water their crops. Some rivers have dams built across them to store and control the flow of water.

- Some of these dams harness the power of the water and use it to produce electricity.



The Hoover Dam on the Colorado River in the USA.

Lots of factories are built by rivers so they can make use of the water there to help power their machinery.



Finally lots of people enjoy spending time on the river for fun!

