

# Rivers

Rain falls on mountains. It pours down the sides of the mountains in small streams. These streams join together to make bigger streams. These join together to make a river. The river flows to the sea. The river has fresh water. Many animals and people use rivers for drinking water. Lots of other animals and fish live in rivers. Ducks and swans often live on rivers.

Some people travel up and down rivers in boats. Other people fish in rivers for their food. People need to build bridges to get across rivers. The biggest river in the world is the Amazon in South America. ■

## CHECK-UP

- 1 Where does a river start?
- 2 Where does the water come from first?
- 3 Where do rivers flow?
- 4 Name some birds that like to live on rivers.
- 5 What is the world's biggest river?

