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| tributary | a stream feeding a larger stream or a lake. |
| confluence | when two or more flowing bodies of water join together to form a single channel |
| canal | a human-made waterway that allows boats and ships to pass from one body of water to another. |
| settlement | is a place where people live. Settlements can be as small as a single house in a remote area or as a large as a mega city |
| industry | activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories. |
| leisure | Free time when you are not in work, education or carrying out essential domestic activities |
| trade | Buying and selling things |
| migrants | A person who moves from one permanent home to another; a person who moves regularly in order to find work |
| manmade | something that was created by humans, not made by God or nature |
| European | A word which describes a person, object, idea etc from any country which is in the continent of Europe. |



**Vocabulary**

Big Ideas

**Manchester Ship Canal** opened in 1894. The canal turned Manchester and Salford into a major inland seaport and led to the development of [Trafford Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trafford_Park) which became the largest [industrial estate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Industrial_estate) in Europe

Today, the Irwell is used for **recreational activities, such as pleasure cruising, rowing, racing, swimming and fishing**.

The River Irwell was badly polluted by factories and chemicals during the Industrial Revolution.

The River Irwell is a a river in the North west of England. It starts north of Bacup and flows southwards for 39 miles ( 63km) to meet the River Mersey near Irlam.

The Irwell marks the boundary between [Manchester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchester) and [Salford](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salford%2C_Greater_Manchester), and the lower part of the Irwell was made to form part of the [Manchester Ship Canal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchester_Ship_Canal).

**Why is the River Irwell so important to our area ?**