

## Rivers

*Approach:* Station

*Level:* Year 4 and year 8

*Focus:* Uses of natural resource






*Resources:* None

### Questions/instructions

Different groups of people use New Zealand's rivers for different purposes.

These five people each use the river for a different purpose.

Try to write a different use each person would have for the river, and why they might say the river is important for them.

	I use the river for _____ The river is important to me because _____
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Reasons:	% responses		Number of valid responses:	% responses	
	y4	y8		y4	y8
recreation in and around the water (swimming, playing in the water, exploring, looking for creatures, fishing for pleasure)	90	93		5	44
recreation on the water (boating, rafting, etc)	44	61		4	24
view, atmosphere, "good of soul" (includes photographs, picnics, etc)	23	28		3	19
nutrition for people and animals (water, fish)	60	66		2	6
water for washing anything	36	38		1	5
water for economic purposes (irrigation, electricity, transport)	12	19		0	2
			<i>Commentary:</i>		
			Twenty five percent more year 8 than year 4 students provided five valid responses. Year 8 students were markedly more likely to include responses in the category "recreation on the water".		