

Estuaries and Deltas



Here is a delta on the Rhine in Germany.

This delta is in Alaska.



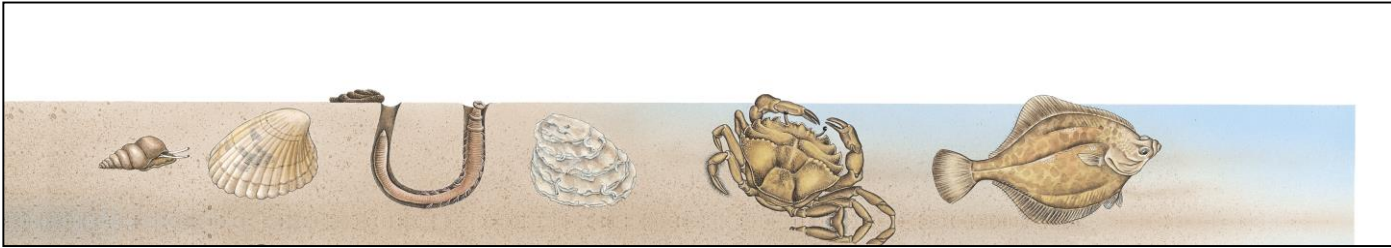


This river delta is in Canada.

Notice how the river splits into channels.

Mud and silt has been deposited (dropped) by the river as the flow slows down when it reaches the sea or lake.

Mudflats at estuaries are full of creatures like worms and shellfish.



Because of this, they are a rich source of food for birds who like to come and feed on them.



Here are some different birds which feed on the mudflats.



What do you notice about their beaks and their legs?

Why do you think they are shaped like that?

Estuary Quiz

Which picture shows an estuary?



B.



C.



D.



E.

Which of these causes an interruption to the flow of a river?

P. Fish

Q. Boats

R. Tides

S. Rocks

When the flow of a river is interrupted, it deposits ...



V.



W.



X.



Y.

When plants begin to grow on mudflats they are called?

H. Rivers

I. Salt Marshes

J. Reservoirs

K. Meanders

Which of these birds would you not expect to find on a mudflat?



O.



P.



Q.



R.