

Journey of the River

It starts in the sky, I gather.
Trickling, drizzling, pitter-patter.
The downfalls commence. Soaking into the thirsty earth.
I rise. Springing from below. My source is set.
Bubbling to the surface; the journey begins.

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Racing, chasing, assembling.
Mustering strength and speed.
Springs become streams become flumes.
My meandering banks hold no currency,
I am on my way now. Onwards.

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My relentless force.
Gushing, rushing, tumbling.
Wider I grow, my plains expanding beside me.
Tributaries join, bolstering my vigour.
My destination summons me, beckoning.

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I can taste it, I take the shortest route.
My briny haven, the place I must reach.
Deltas form, I leave my wastes behind.
Wider, proud and glorious; my pilgrimage draws to a close.
Gaping my vivacious mouth wide, I arrive.

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Mingling, rejoicing. My salty sister.
We meet, we greet.
The sun smiles, she prepares us.
Warming under her glow, the cycle persists.
Another journey begins.

Questions

1. How is a river formed? Tick one.

- from tributaries
- by rain that falls from the sky
- by the sea
- by lakes and ponds

2. Look at the extract below. Underline **three** words that are synonyms for each other.

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3. Look at the second verse.

Find and copy a word that means 'money'.

4. Fill in the missing words.

_____ join, _____ my vigour.

5. Give one example of alliteration used in the poem.

6. **Mingling, rejoicing. My salty sister.**

What does the poet mean by 'My salty sister'?

7. Compare the first paragraph with the final paragraph.

8. Why do you think the author has used the pronoun 'I' in this poem?
