Matching: Rivers

Why did the basketball player bring a suitcase with him to a ball game? Just in case he travels!
Match the words in the word bank to their matching clue.

1. **INTERMITTENT** Rivers or streams that dry up for part of the year are called _____ streams.

2. **IRRIGATION** Many rivers are used as a means of _____, bringing water to the surrounding land.

3. **EROSION** Process by which moving water wears away material from the bottom or banks of a river.

4. **WATERSHED** A line that divides two adjacent river systems.

5. **FLOOD** The rising of a river and its overflowing onto normally dry land.

6. **VALLEY** A long depression in the surface of the land that usually contains a river.

7. **HYDROLOGIC** The process by which water moves continuously through land, water, and air is called the water cycle or the _____ cycle.

8. **AMAZON** Largest river in South America.

9. **GRAVITY** Force that causes water to flow in a certain direction.

10. **EUPHRATES** This river was important in the development of several great civilizations in ancient Mesopotamia.

11. **MOUTH** The place where a river or stream empties into another body of water.
12. **OXBOW LAKE**  A crescent-shaped lake that is formed when a meander of a river is cut off from the main channel.

13. **FALLS**  A steep descent of the water of a river.

14. **POWER**  Many rivers are used to generate hydro-electric _____.

15. **SOURCE**  Where a river begins.

16. **DRAINAGE BASIN**  The geographical area draining into a river.

17. **TRIBUTARY**  A branch that flows into the main stream.

18. **DELTA**  A low triangular area where a river divides before entering a larger body of water.

19. **OCEAN**  A possibly river destination.

20. **NILE**  Largest river in Africa.

21. **RAIN**  One source of water renewal in rivers.

22. **MEANDER**  A curve in a stream.

23. **DISCHARGE**  The volume of water that a river carries.

24. **DAM**  A barrier constructed to contain the flow of water or to keep out the sea.

25. **MISSISSIPPI**  A major North American river and flows southward into the Gulf of Mexico.

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