


NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE FRESH WATER QUIZ

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1. In order to generate hydroelectric power, one of the world's largest artificial lakes was created in Ghana in 1965. Name this body of water.
 2. The Coco River forms part of the boundary between Honduras and which neighboring country?
 3. Which is one of the main reasons dams are built across rivers—to create oxbow lakes OR to control seasonal flooding?
 4. Which river is known as China's Sorrow because of its history of disastrous floods? — Ayeyarwady, Mekong, Yellow, Salween
 5. The Greek word meaning "the country between two rivers" is the historical name for what region located between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers?
 6. Several large rivers including the Krishna, Ganges, and Brahmaputra flow into what large arm of the Indian Ocean?
 7. What lake, once called Lacus Lemanus by the Romans, is located on the border between Switzerland and France?
 8. Irkutsk, once known as the Paris of Siberia, lies on the Angara River, which flows from what lake?
 9. What term best describes an embankment, usually made of earth and designed to control or hold back water, keeping it from flooding adjacent land?
 10. Which of these major rivers is an example of a tributary? —Colorado, Missouri, Mississippi, Hudson
 11. The city of Evansville, Indiana, is located on which river?
 12. The Ataturk Dam, one of the world's largest earth-and-rock fill dams, was completed in 1990. It provides irrigation water and electricity to the arid southeastern part of which country?

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13. Which river runs between Arizona and California before entering Mexico—the Platte River or the Colorado River?
14. Grand Coulee Dam, one of the largest concrete structures in the world, is a hydroelectric dam located on the Columbia River in which state?
15. What river borders more European countries than any other river on that continent? — Danube, Volga, Rhine, Seine
16. Crater Lake National Park, which includes the deepest lake in the United States at about 1,943 feet, is located in the Cascade Mountain Range in which state?
17. What term describes an area that includes all tributaries for an individual river—delta or drainage basin?
18. A swampy region in northern Africa, known as the Sudd, is drained by tributaries of which river? — Nile, Niger, Zambezi, Limpopo
19. What major river is at the center of a vast canal system stretching from the heart of Europe past some of Germany’s largest cities to the North Sea?
20. What is the name of Canada’s largest lake, which is located in the Northwest Territories?
21. On the southern edge of Nicaragua, the San Juan River has been a source of a border dispute for the last 100 years with which neighboring country?
22. Which river has six famous cataracts, or steep rapids, that have long made sections of the river impassable for boats? — Amazon, Danube, Mississippi, Nile
23. The water level in Mono Lake has fallen substantially as a result of diversion to supply the area of Los Angeles with fresh water. The lake is located east of Yosemite National Park in what state?
24. One of the longest rivers draining into the Indian Ocean has tributaries that rise in Angola, Zambia, and Malawi. Name this river.
25. What term defines a body of water where the tide ebbs and flows at a river mouth, mixing freshwater with saltwater.

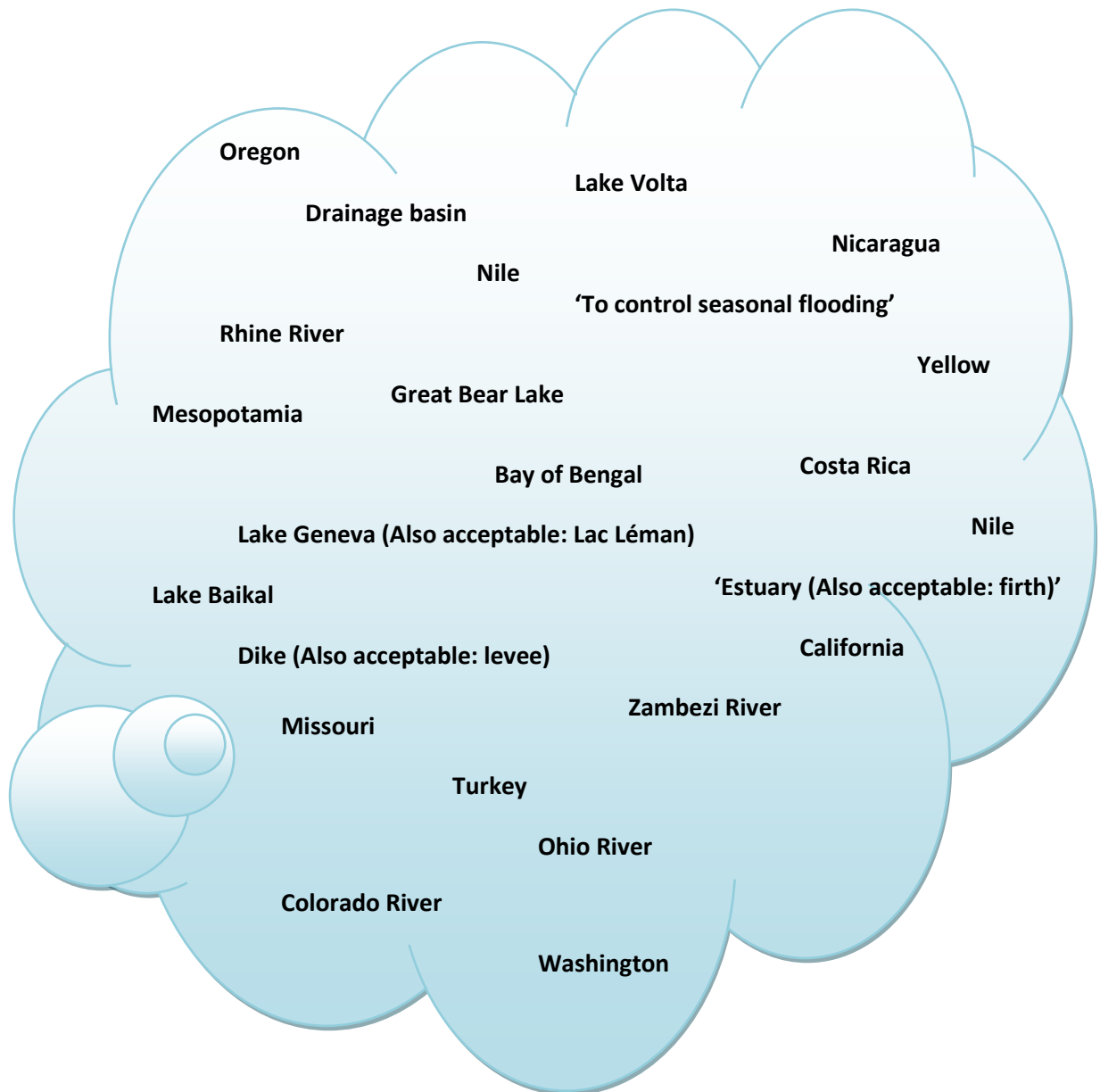
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ANSWER KEY

1. Lake Volta
2. Nicaragua
3. To control seasonal flooding
4. Yellow
5. Mesopotamia
6. Bay of Bengal
7. Lake Geneva (Also acceptable: Lac Léman)
8. Lake Baikal
9. Dike (Also acceptable: levee)
10. Missouri
11. Ohio River
12. Turkey
13. Colorado River
14. Washington
15. Danube
16. Oregon
17. Drainage basin
18. Nile
19. Rhine River
20. Great Bear Lake
21. Costa Rica
22. Nile
23. California
24. Zambezi River
25. Estuary (Also acceptable: firth)

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