

# Morning Starters: Autumn 1 - River Life

## Word Challenge

The word 'Mississippi' has other words hiding within it.

### Example:

**Mississippi** – miss and sip

**List the words hiding within each underlined word.**

## Grammar Challenge

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**Rewrite the sentence below, adding a 'when the action took place' fronted adverbial.**

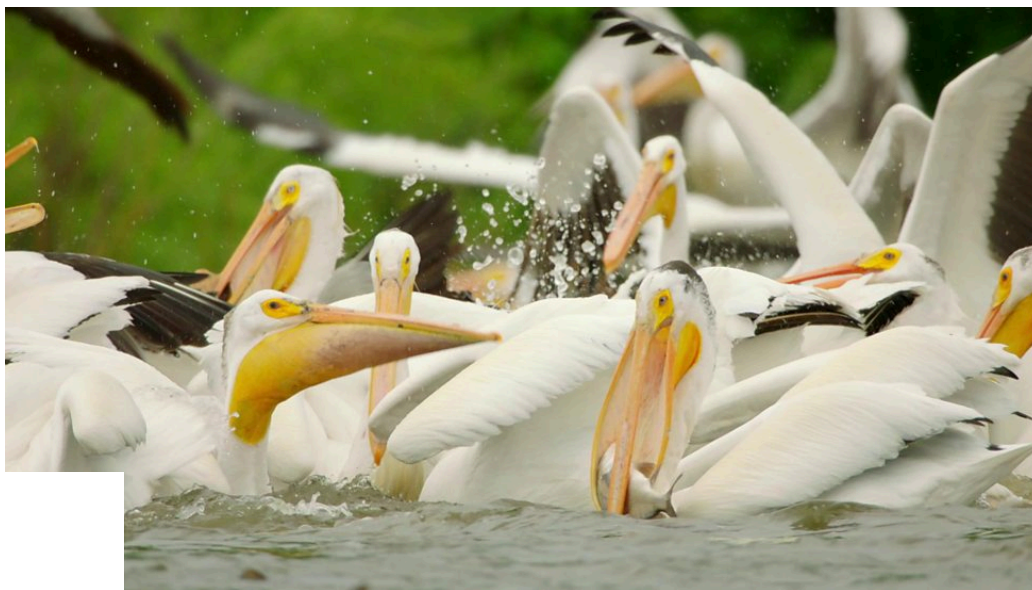
The pelican scooped up a silver-scaled fish with its oversized beak.

**Example:** Beneath the golden glow of the setting sun, the pelican scooped up a silver-scaled fish with its oversized beak.

## Did You Know?

The Mississippi River is approximately 3,766 kilometres long, making it the second-longest river in the United States. This mighty river is a magnet for wildlife – especially migratory birds. Each spring, over 22,000 pelicans arrive on a river island in Minnesota to breed and feed. These gigantic snow-white waterbirds, with their enormous appetites, are capable of scooping up large amounts of fish and water in their impressive beaks.

**Where in the world is the Mississippi River?** Click the 



Credit: BBC Two - Earth's Great Rivers

## Number Challenge

**Fact:** A white pelican can hold up to 11 litres of river water in its beak.

**Calculate the total amount of water that the following numbers of pelicans hold in their beaks:**

- 1) 7 pelicans
- 2) 14 pelicans
- 3) 56 pelicans

## Critical Thinking

"You cannot step into the same river twice."

**Do you agree with this statement by Heraclitus, the famous Greek philosopher?**