

3a Read the conversation and underline the three rivers mentioned.

Yaming: Welcome back, Ella! How was your trip?

Ella: It was great! We saw the Hukou Waterfall on the Yellow River. Is that the longest river in China?

Yaming: No, the Yangtze River is the longest river in China. It travels the farthest and is about 6,300 kilometres long. The Yellow River is 5,464 kilometres long and is the second longest. By the way, do you know why it's called the Yellow River?

Ella: Because it's yellow?

Yaming: Right. Some parts of the river carry brown and yellow earth.

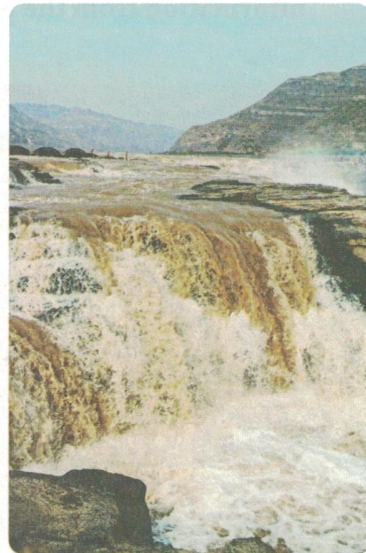
Ella: That's interesting! I like learning about rivers. My favourite is the Nile. Did you know it's the longest river in the world?

Yaming: Yes, it's 6,671 kilometres long. It's very important in Egypt's history.

Ella: That's right. Both the Nile and the Yellow River helped ancient civilizations to develop. And they're still very important today.

Yaming: Yes. In China, we even call the Yellow River our "mother river"!

Ella: We should protect them at all costs.



3b What do Yaming and Ella know about these rivers? Read the conversation again and complete the table.

River	Country	Length	Importance
Yellow River	_____	_____ km	helped in the development of ancient _____
Nile River	_____	_____ km	

3c Listen to the conversation. Then role-play it.

3d Imagine that you are Yaming or Ella. Continue the conversation with a partner about other geographical features in China.

Ella: Could you tell me more about China, Yaming?

Yaming: Sure! What would you like to know?

Ella: What's the biggest desert in China?

Yaming: It's the Taklimakan Desert.

Ella: Do you know ...?