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Find and **copy** one word which is a synonym for 'gathering'.

mustering

2

Compare how the river changed from the first verse to the third verse.

Pupils' own responses, such as: In the first verse the river is described as 'trickling, drizzling' and 'bubbling to the surface' so it sounds small and delicate. Whereas in the third verse, the poet tells us the river is powerful and full of force 'gushing, rushing, tumbling' and 'my relentless force'. This shows me that the river is growing and changing as it continues on its journey.

3

Why do you think the poet decided to write from the river's point of view?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the poet decided to write from the river's point of view because it gives a powerful perspective of the river travelling from its source to its destination. I also think the poet decided to use personification as a way of connecting the reader with the river.

4

What is the poet talking about when the river says **My briny haven**?

The poet is talking about the sea.

5

Give **two** examples of how the poet gives the impression that the river is powerful.

Accept any two of the following:

1. **Mustering strength and speed**
2. **Tributaries join, bolstering my vigour.**
3. **Racing, chasing, assembling.**
4. **My relentless force.**
5. **Gushing, rushing, tumbling.**
6. **My plains expanding**