THE PO river in Italy



The Po river is **652 Km long.** It's the longest river in Italy.

Its source is at 2020 meters above the sea level, at the foot of **Monviso Mountain**, in the **West Alps** ("Cozie").

We can see the mountain from our school.

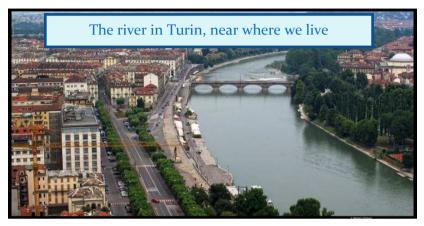




It flows to **the Adriatic sea** where it ends in a complex delta. It has **got 14 mouths!** The Po river crosses **4 regions** (Piemonte, Lombardia, Veneto, Emilia Romagna) and it has got **141 tributaries**. The maximum **width** of the river Po **is 503 meters** near Mantova town.

It **is navigable** from after the city of Pavia.

It provides water **for civil, industrial and agricultural usage**. Its power is also used to produce electricity.





The river **flooded** many times; many people died in in 1951. The floods are more frequent **in Autumn and Spring** time.

Water pollution is a big problem but you can still find **fish such as catfish, carp, eel** and the **kingfisher**.







