

Rivers and Lakes Terminology

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Current — Delta — Drainage basin
Estuary — Eutrophication — Exotic river

Alluvial	a deposit made of clay, soil, sand, etc., left by flowing water
Bank	the ground that rises higher along the edges of a river, lake, or other body of water
Bed	the ground at the bottom of a body of water
Channel	the depressed land that makes the bed of a river or stream
Current	the part of a body of water that is moving, sometimes swiftly, in a certain direction
Delta	soil and sand that is often deposited at the mouths of rivers
Drainage basin	the land that is drained by a river and its tributaries
Estuary	part of a river that meets the ocean and combines fresh water and salt water
Eutrophication	process of accumulating nutrients in water that feed algae, which deplete oxygen in water
Exotic river	a river that originates in a well-watered area and flows through a desert without drying up

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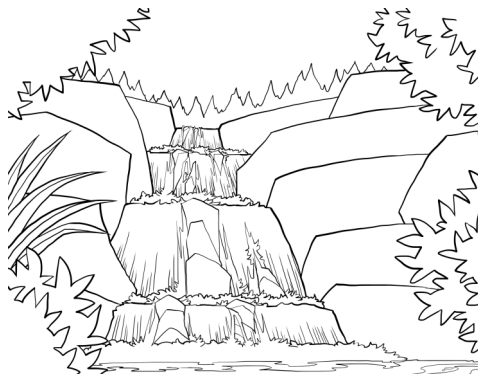
Flood plain — Ground water — Headwaters
Intermittent river — Lake — Limnology
Mouth — Rapids — Reservoir — River

Flood plain	a flat area of land beside a river; made of soil left behind by floods
Ground water	water that soaks into the ground and moves slowly to a body of water such as a river
Headwaters	the point where a river begins
Intermittent river	a river that only flows part of the year because of seasonal rainfall
Lake	a body of water, larger than a pond, that is often completely surrounded by land
Limnology	the study of lakes
Mouth	the point where a river ends by entering a larger body of water
Rapids	fast-moving current in a river where the water is flowing over large rocks or obstructions
Reservoir	a place where water is collected and stored for use, often as an artificial lake
River	natural source of water that flows in a channel from its origin to a lake, ocean, or river

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River system — Salinity — Sediment
Silt — Surface runoff — Tributary — Waterfall

River system	a river and all the smaller streams that flow into it
Salinity	the amount of salt in something
Sediment	something such as rocks, soil, etc., that settles out of water
Silt	fine pieces of sediment deposited by a river
Surface runoff	precipitation that flows over land to reach a body of water such as a river
Tributary	a river or stream that flows into a larger river, stream, or body of water
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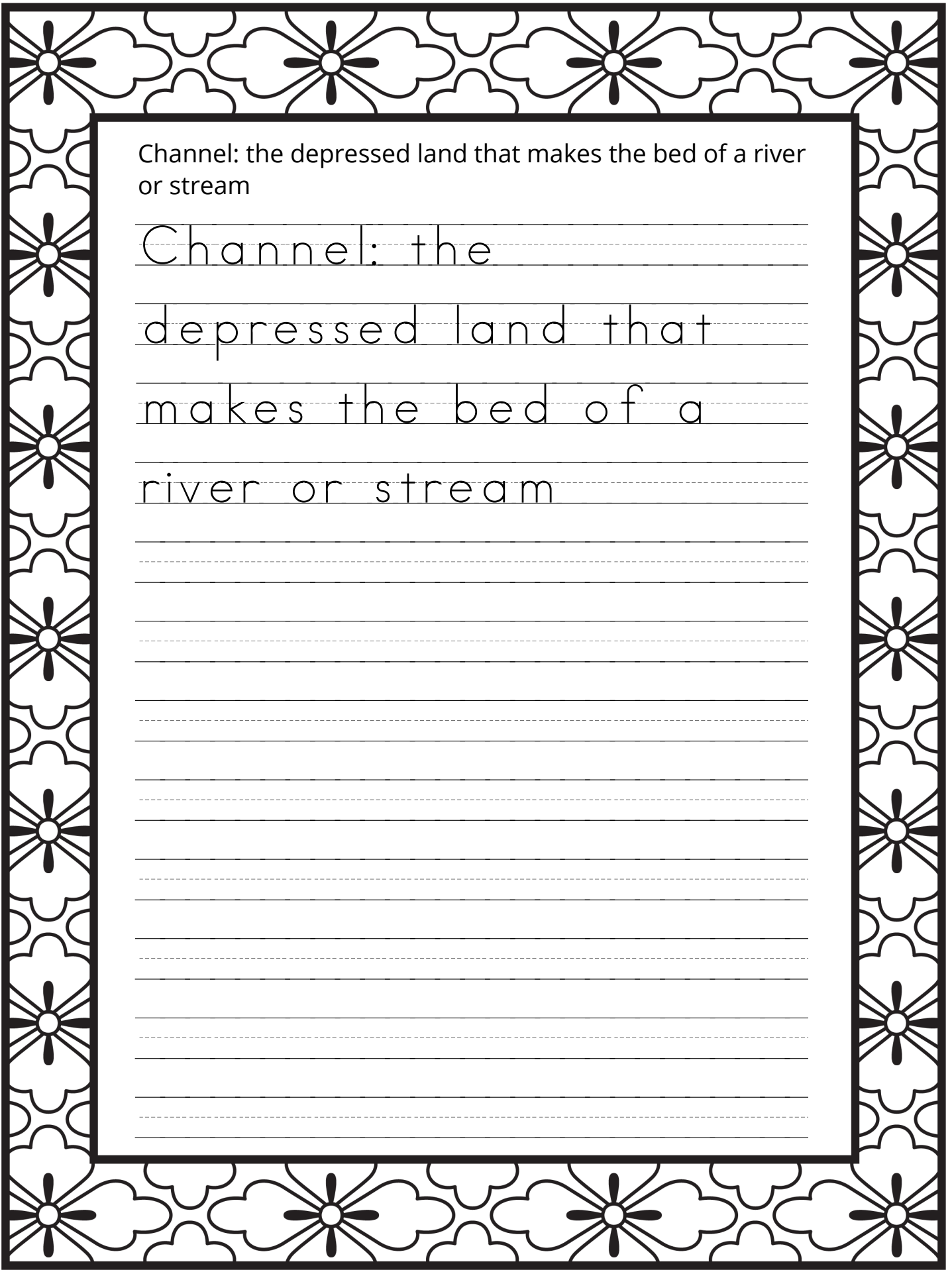
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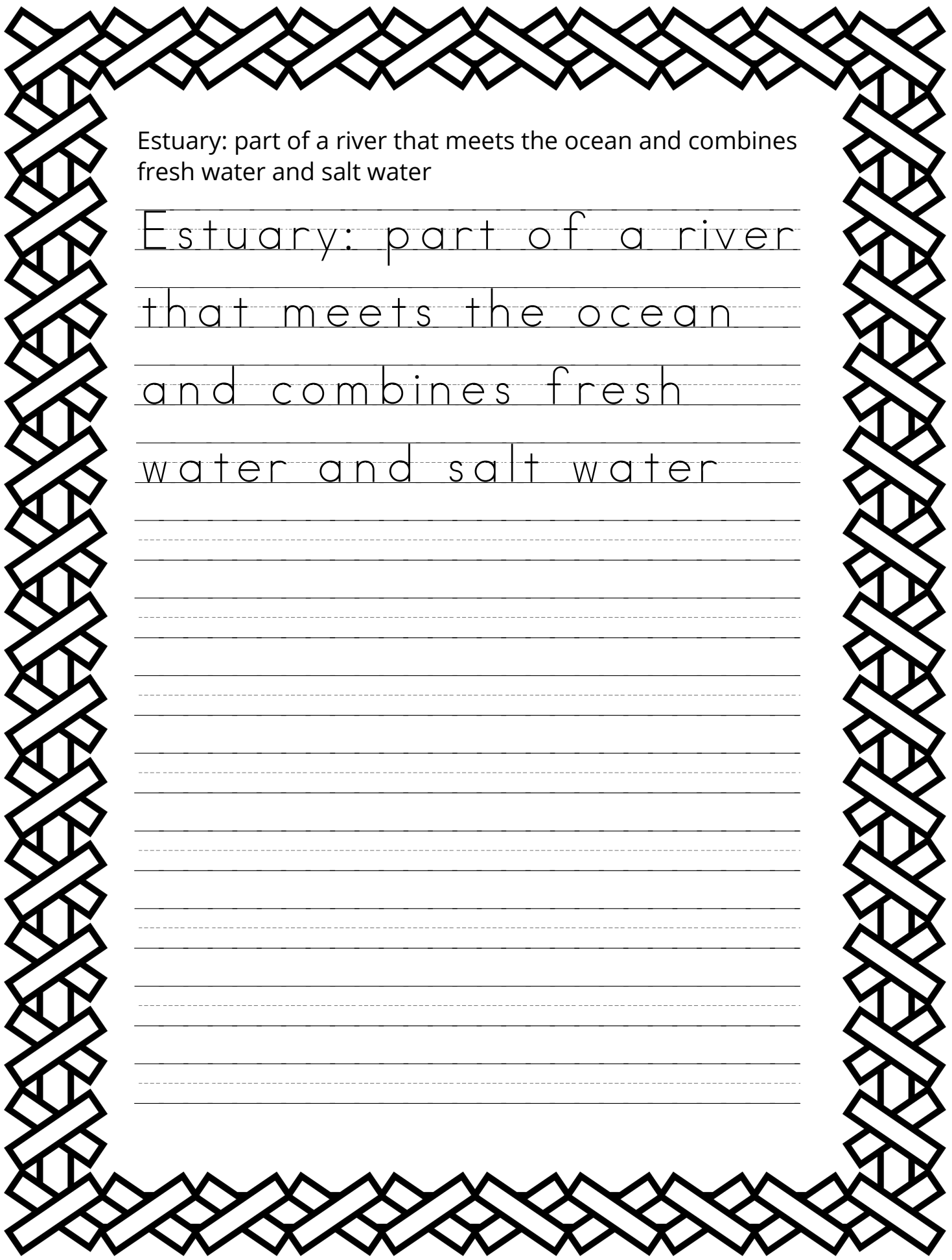
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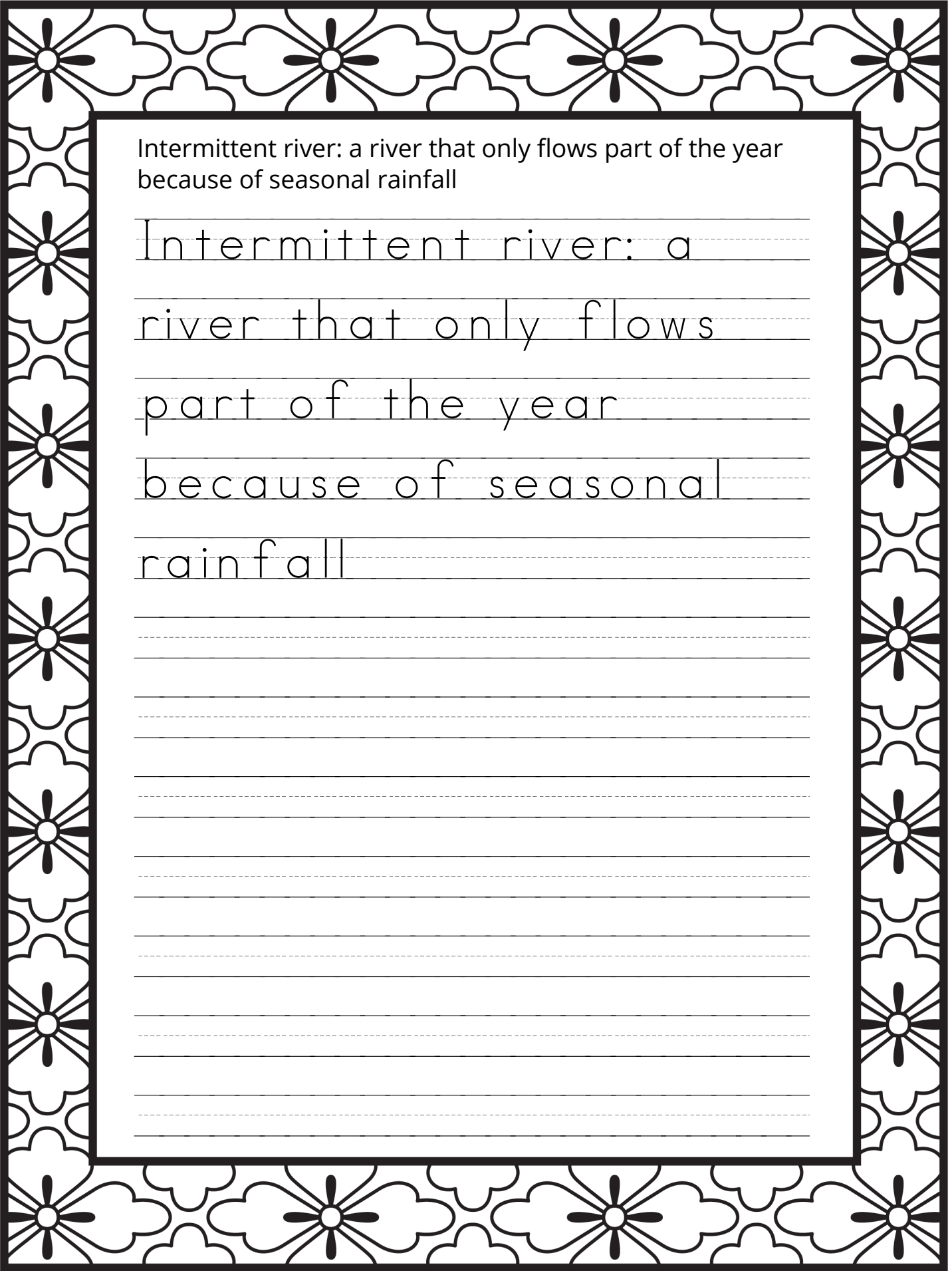
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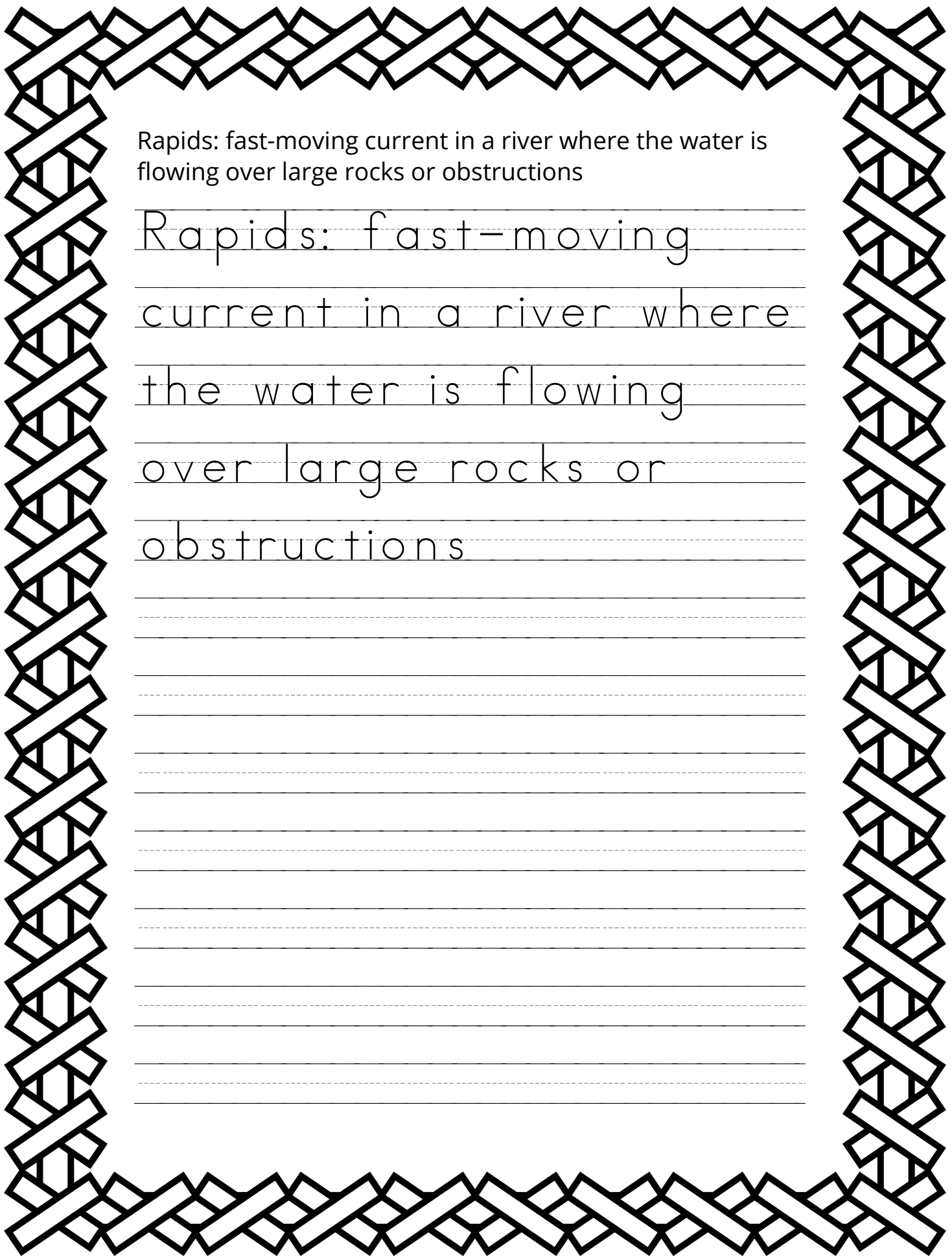
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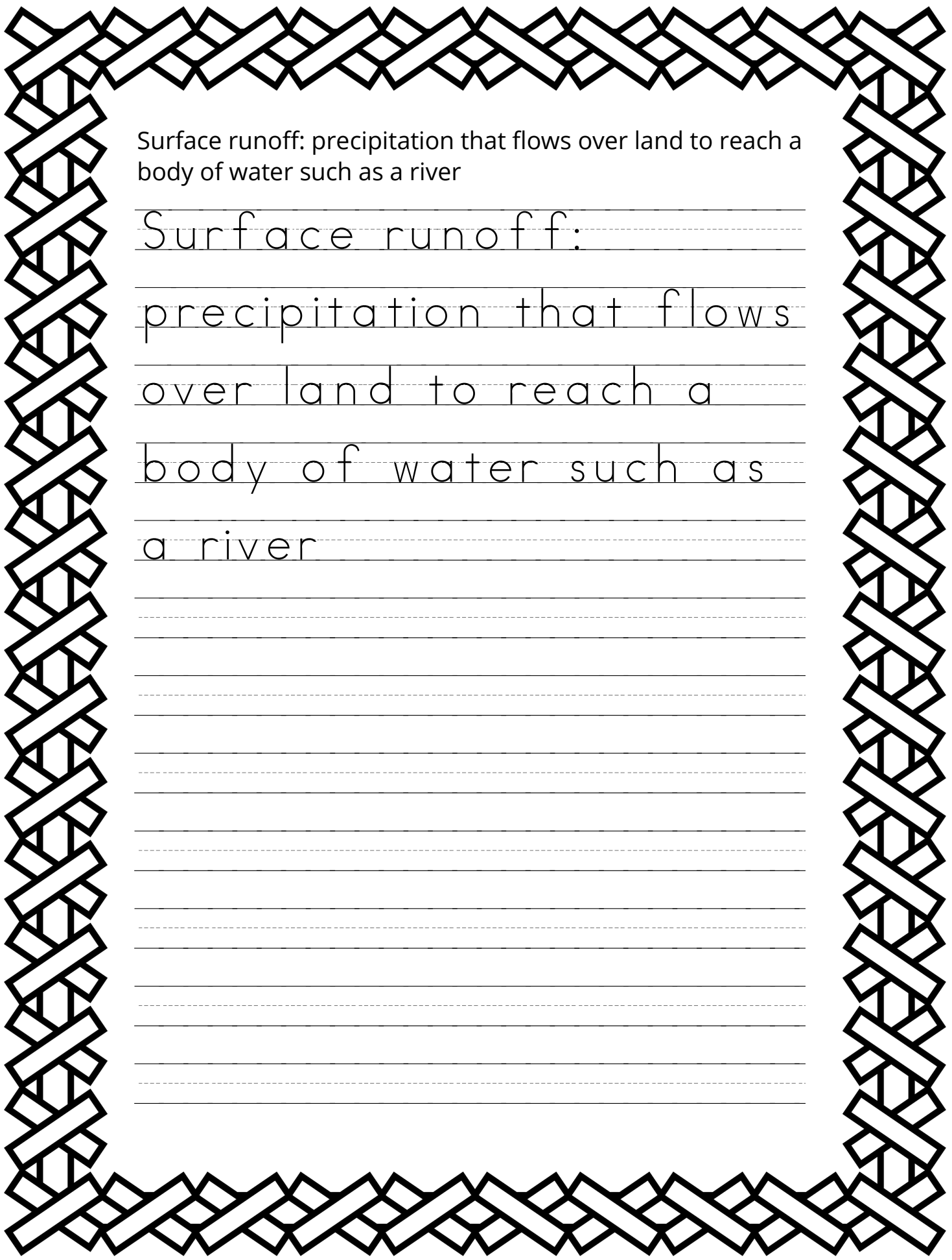
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