

# SOLUTION: Mississippi River

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Mesopotamian civilization      SUMER -> SUMMER

Physically demanding      TAXING -> TAXIING

Casual restaurant      DINER -> DINNER

Bring together      WED -> WEED

Barren land      DESERT -> DESSERT

Egg container      CARTON -> CARTOON

Past due      LATE -> LATTE

Division by zero result      NAN -> NAAN

By answering each prompt with an answer of the proper length, a trend emerges. Each of the answers can become another word by doubling up a letter. The doubled up letters spell MINNESOTA, which by following the same pattern becomes MINNESOTA, the answer and the origin of the Mississippi River.

