

# Canals Worksheet (Version 1)

Canals are similar to small rivers, except that they are **made by people**.

They were made for boats to travel on. These boats are called **barges**.

Barges carried **heavy goods** like cotton, sugar and tobacco.

Canals are **easier** to travel on than a **river**.



Before canals things could only be moved using **horse and cart**.

The canals mainly linked the **Liverpool docks** to the **Manchester cotton mills**.

Canals are made in **straight lines**.

Sometimes the land goes **uphill** and **downhill**. To help the barge move up and down it uses a **lock**.

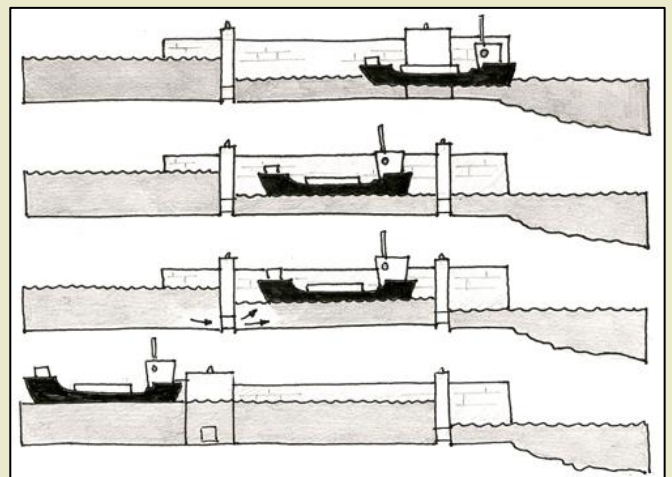


The lock allows the barge to **enter** at **one level** and **leave** at a **different level**.

It **traps** the barge inside two gates. The water then **fills** and **empties** around it.

The first was the **Sankey Canal** in St Helens that was built in **1757**.

It was used to transport goods from **Liverpool**.



## Canals Questions

1. What is the **boat** on a canal called?

2. **Before** canals, **how** were goods transported around the country?

3. What **goods** did canals help to move?

4. **What** does a canal use when the land goes **up or down hill**?

5. **When** and **where** did the **first canal** open?