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2. Which of the following is most similar to a gorge?
a. canyon **b.** mountain **c.** river **d.** forest
3. About how old is the New River? Is this common for rivers?

4. What are daredevils? What's one activity they might enjoy at the park?

ANSWER KEY

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