

How do rivers shape our world?

Rivers work hard. They hardly stop and so continually erode the _____ and move material _____. This shapes and alters the land. The river water pushes stones, boulders and rocks along the _____ of the river. Rivers can become _____ and _____ or even change their shape. As the river moves further away from its _____, the material that has been eroded at the start of the river's journey is carried (transported) downstream and gradually left behind (deposited). This changes the shape of the land: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, until as the river reaches the _____, any remaining material is deposited forming a delta.

wider

course

source

mouth

channel

delta

gorge

flood plains

deeper

meander

downstream

ox bow lake

waterfall