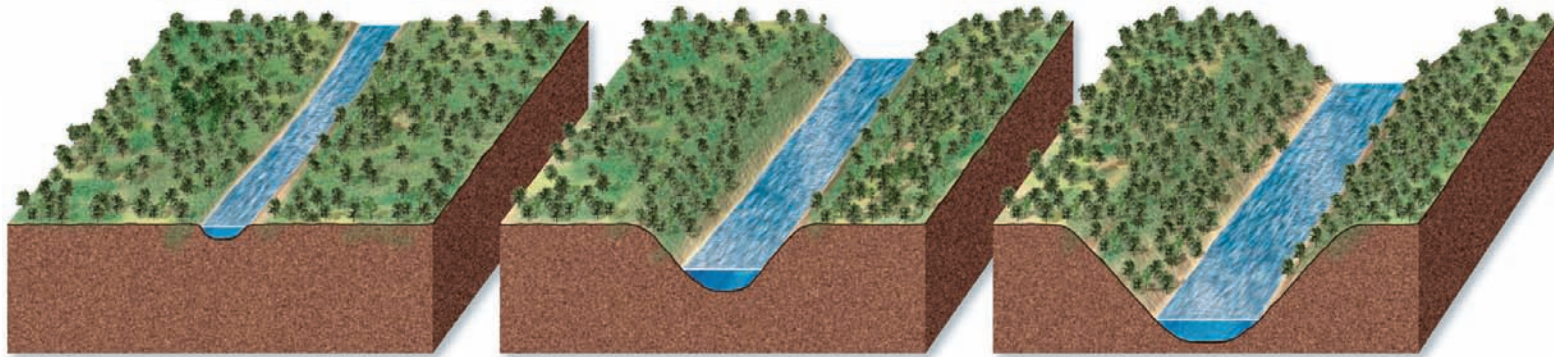


River Valley Formation



**1** A shallow stream gradually erodes its channel.

**2** The stream grows into a river, which carries sediment away from its banks.

**3** In time, the river cuts a V-shaped valley.