

# Rivers at Work

## Vocabulary:

- Deposition: dropping or leaving behind rocks or other debris.
- Debris: any kind of loose rock, mud or other matter carried and deposited by a flowing river.

## How rivers erode:

As a river flows, the water sweeps along any loose soil, sand or rocks in its way.

They also grind against each other, which wears them down and breaks them into smaller pieces.



As they roll, slide and bound along, the rocks and pebbles chip away at the riverbed, making it deeper and wider.

The river forces water and air bubbles into cracks in the riverbed, breaking off more chunks of rock.

Try it! On another sheet of paper, try to draw a picture showing how a river works. Be sure to include some of the facts listed above.