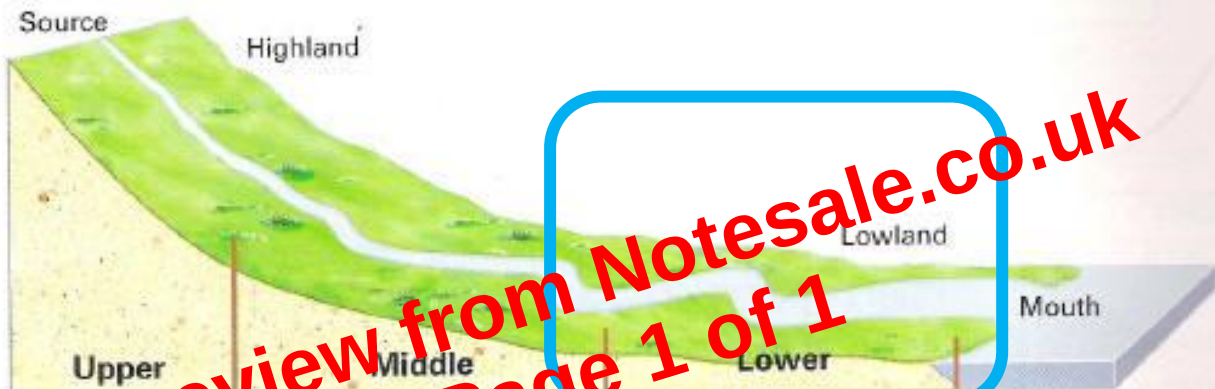
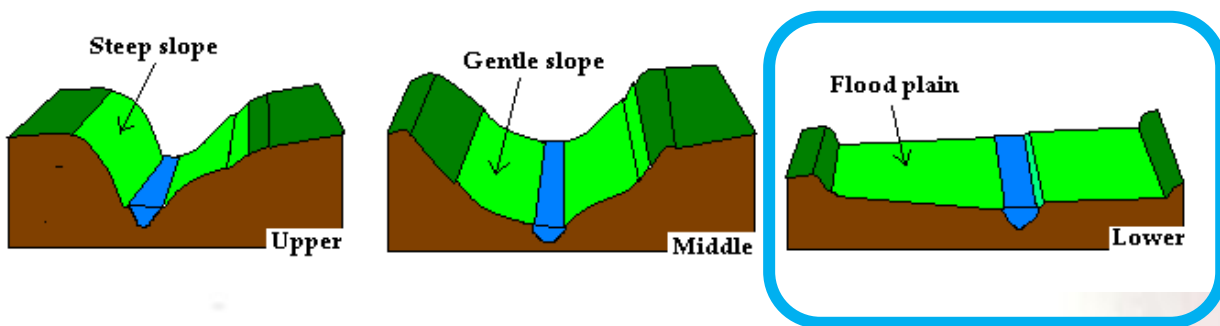


THE RIVER'S LOWER COURSE

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In the lower course, the river channel is **deep and wide**, flows fastest, has the most water

The valley is flat and wide

FACTORS THAT ENCOURAGE DEPOSITION:

- ✂ A river carrying a large load of sediment
- ✂ A reduction in velocity e.g. inside bend of a meander
- ✂ An obstruction e.g. river enters a lake or a bridge support interrupts flow
- ✂ A fall in the volume of river water

FLOOD PLAIN – A floodplain is a wide, flat area of marshy land on either side of a river, and found in the middle and lower courses. They are made of *alluvium*, a sediment (silt) deposited by a river when it floods.