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Pre-Documentary
Mini Lesson



WHAT IS
A RIVER?

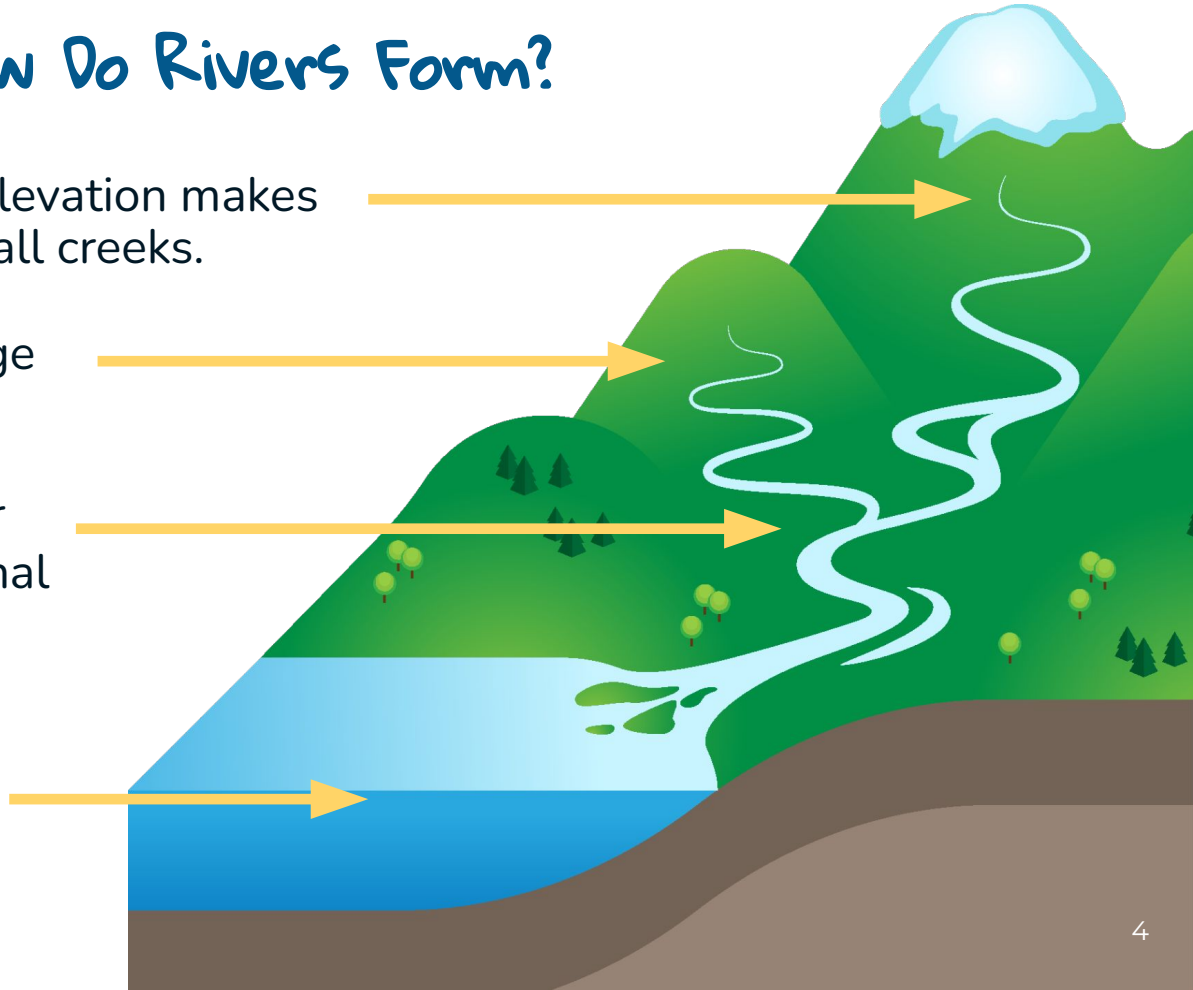
An aerial photograph of a wide river with deep blue water, flowing through a lush green forest. The river is flanked by dense trees and vegetation on both sides. The text "What Is A River?" is written in a white, handwritten-style font across the upper portion of the river.

What Is A River?

A river is a large, natural
stream of flowing water.

How Do Rivers Form?

- 1 Flowing water at higher elevation makes its way down through small creeks.
- 2 Different creeks may merge and form bigger streams.
- 3 Streams merge into larger rivers. Rivers gain additional water from rainfall.
- 4 At lower elevation rivers usually empty into large lakes, seas, or oceans.



Rivers Support Complex Ecosystems



WHAT IS AN
ECOSYSTEM?

What Is An Ecosystem?

An ecosystem is the living things and nonliving things in an area.



What Is An Ecosystem?

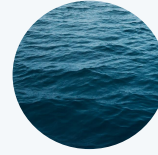
When you study an ecosystem you study how living things interact with each other and the nonliving parts of the environment.

Parts Of A River Ecosystem

Classify each of the items in the list as a living thing or non-living thing.

Living Things

Non-Living Things



Water



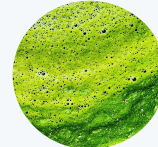
Rocks



Flowers



Turtles



Algae



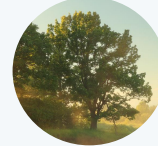
Twigs



Stones



Frogs



Trees



Mud



Birds



Beavers

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Non-Living Things



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The [video](#) shares the story of young activist, Cash Daniels, working to protect the Tennessee River.

