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Bwa Maen



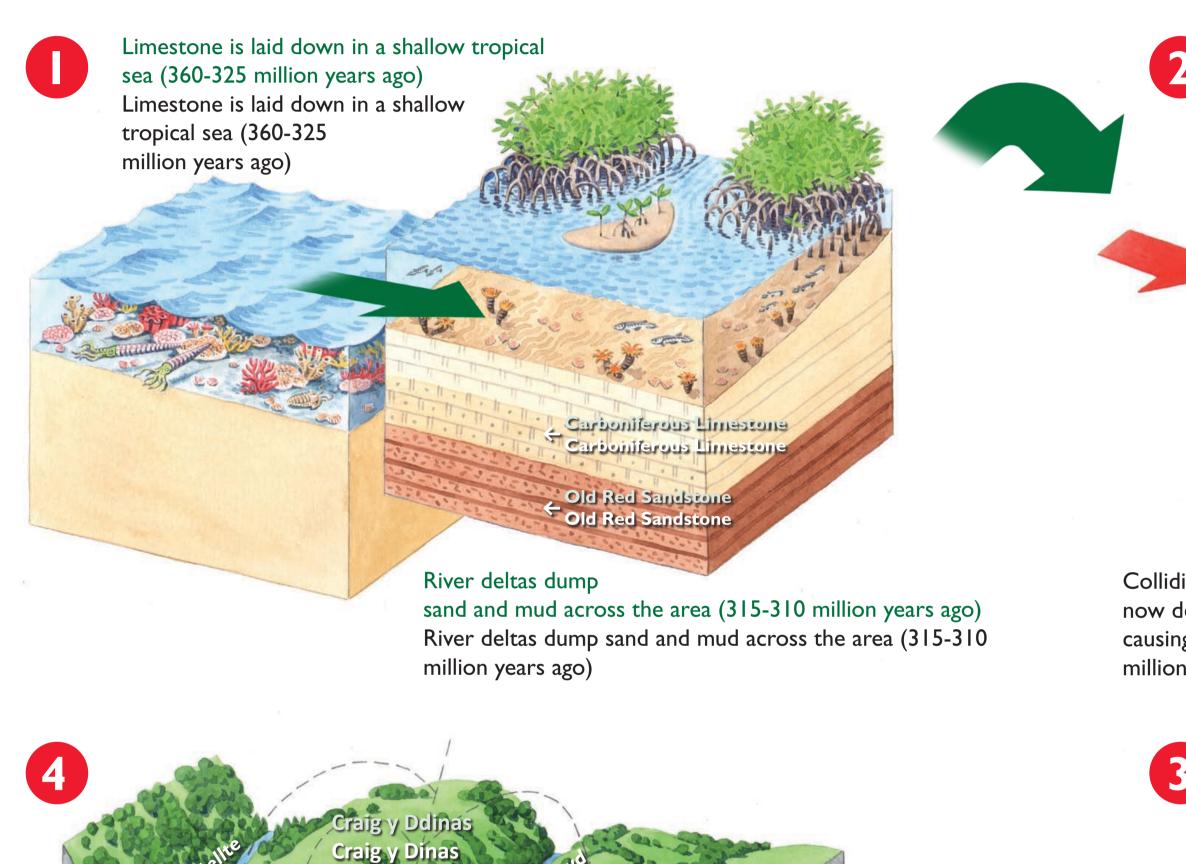
Croeso i Graig y Ddinas yn Ardal y Rhaeadrau •

Where the ground shook and the rocks buckled!

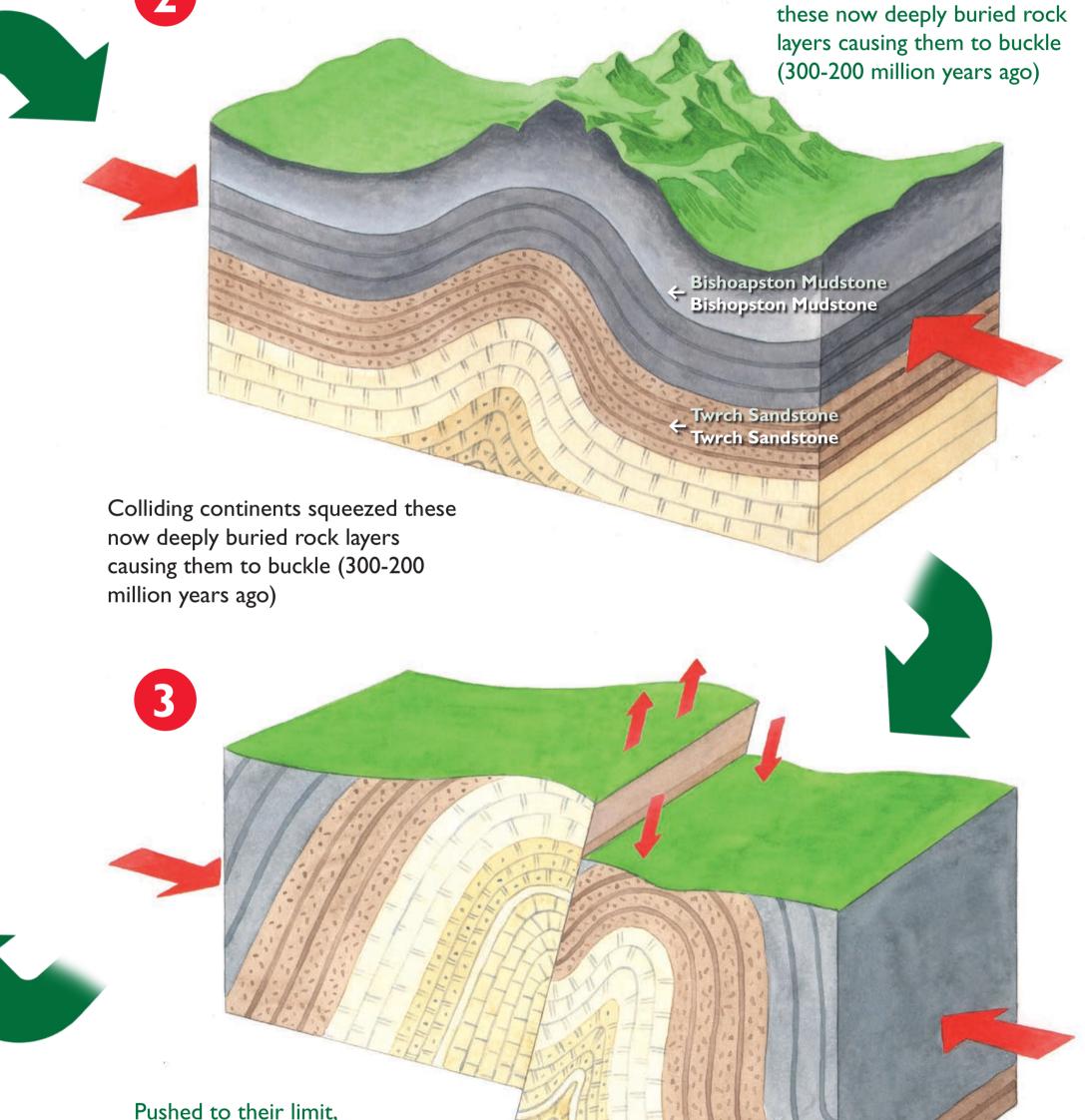
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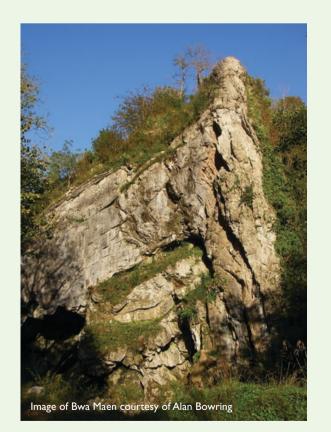
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the rocks fracture creating

Pushed to their limit, the rocks

fracture creating the Dinas Fault.

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