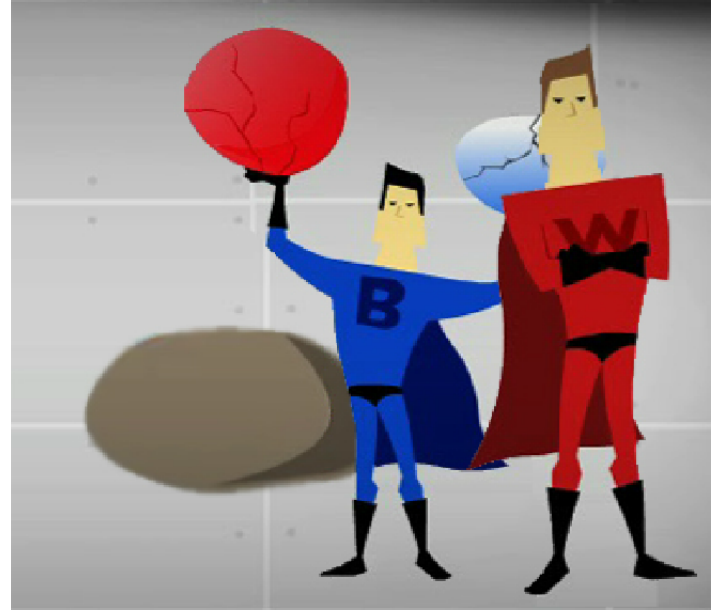


Weathering and erosion are continuous processes that gradually change the natural environment over time. Weathering is the process of wearing down materials into sediment. Erosion occurs when this sediment is moved.



Key vocabulary

sediment

Rocks, sand, or dirt that has been carried to a place by water, wind, or a glacier.

glacier

A huge sheet of ice found in mountains, valleys, or Polar Regions. A glacier is formed when snow falls and does not melt because the temperature remains below freezing.

deposit

A natural layer of rock, sand, or minerals found in the ground.

rust

The reddish brown substance that can form on iron and steel when they are exposed to moisture and air.

acid rain

Rain that is polluted by acid in the atmosphere and damages the environment.

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Landforms

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Soil

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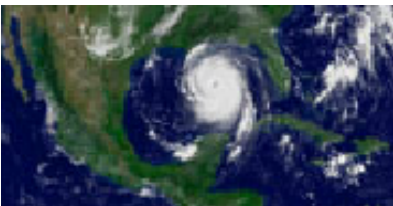
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