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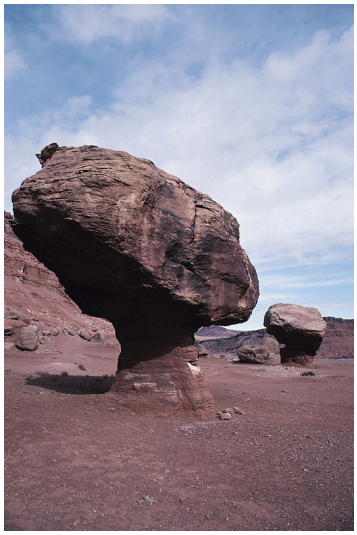
Erosion



When we speak of erosion in nature we are referring to the processes that affect the Earth's geographical surface. More specifically, erosion is the wearing away of rock and soil on the Earth's surface. In nature, the two major causes of erosion are wind and water. This process can be seen in many places including river gullies, canyons, and mountain valleys. One of the best visual examples of erosion is the Grand Canyon found in Arizona.

All modern marvels that have been built will, with the passage of time, be effected by erosion. This is evident when viewing bridges, tombstones and monuments erected just several decades ago. The same forces that wear away rock and soil, wear away the names on tombstones and monuments and begin to disintegrate the bridges.

Answer the Questions

1. What does the term "erosion" mean?

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2. Give two examples of erosion.

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3. Describe erosion in a short paragraph.

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4. Where does erosion occur?

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