

Weathering and Erosion

Fill in the blanks.

blow away

erosion

freezing

scrape

deposited

expands

plant roots

wind

The weathering of rocks is the way that rocks get broken into small pieces. Weathered rock moving from one place to another is _____ . Sand and rocks are picked up and _____ in a new place. Moving water, glaciers, and _____ help erosion take place. People can cause erosion by cutting down trees, which can cause the soil to _____ .

Some weathering happens because water _____ when it freezes in a crack in a rock. Repeated _____ and thawing helps break the rock. Some rocks weather when they _____ against other rocks. Rocks also break apart when _____ grow into their cracks. They also break when gravity pulls rocks downhill.