

erosion

[ɪˈrəʊz(ə)n] *n*

эрозия, разъедание; разрушение; размывание, размыв, вымывание; выветривание
 soil erosion - эрозия почвы
 wind erosion - ветровая эрозия
 land liable to erosion - земли, подверженные эрозии

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

ero-sion [erosion erosions] *BrE* [ɪˈrəʊzɪn] ^u ; *NAmE* [ɪˈrɒʊzɪn] ^u **noun**

uncountable

- the erosion of the coastline by the sea
- soil erosion
- the erosion of her confidence

Main entry: ↑**erode**_{derived}

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er[ro]sion AC /ɪˈrəʊzən \$ ɪˈrɒʊ-/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun** [uncountable]

[Word Family: verb: ↑**erode**; noun: ↑**erosion**]

1. the process by which rock or soil is gradually destroyed by wind, rain, or the sea:
 - the problem of soil erosion
 - the erosion of the coastline
2. the process by which something is gradually reduced or destroyed
 - erosion of
 - the gradual erosion of our civil liberties
 - . . .

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ **verbs**

- **cause erosion** Acid rain has caused serious erosion, and now the entire hillside could slide down.
- **lead to/result in erosion** Poor farming practices have led to erosion of the soil.
- **suffer (from) erosion** Many areas of farmland have suffered severe erosion.
- **reduce erosion** new measures designed to stop flooding and reduce erosion
- **erosion happens/occurs** The highest rates of erosion occur where soil is exposed to drought.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + erosion**

- **serious/severe erosion** Some areas of the coast have suffered severe erosion.
- **significant erosion** (=quite severe) This system of cultivation leads to significant erosion of the subsoil.
- **soil erosion** Soil erosion is worse in areas where trees have been cut down.
- **marine/coastal erosion** (=on land that is close to the sea) Coastal erosion is worrying the local residents.
- **water/wind erosion** (=caused by water or wind) Hedgerows and trees help to reduce the effect of wind erosion.

■ **phrases**

- **the rate of erosion** The maps show that the average rate of coastal erosion is about four metres per year.
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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **adjectives**

- **serious/significant erosion** The demonstrators were protesting about the serious erosion of individual freedoms.
- **gradual/steady erosion** There has been a steady erosion of the court's powers over the last ten years.

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