3.1.3.4: Weathering, mass movement and runoff

Learning Objectives

- •To understand that coastlines are affected by marine processes and subaerial processes
- •To identify the sub-aerial processes of weathering, mass movement and run-off



Suggest possible reasons why Holbeck Hall has collapsed?



Marine processes

Sub-aerial processes

The processes work together, marine erosion works at the base of the cliff, weathering weakens the rock and gravity and run off causes the material to move downhill.

Sub-arial Process Definitions				
Weathering	Mass movement	Run-off		

Types of weathering

Mechanical (Physical)

- Frost shattering (freeze thaw)
- Wetting and drying
- Pressure release
- Salt crystallisation
- Exfoliation

Biological

• Plants and animals

Chemical

- Oxidation
- Hydrolysis
- Hydration
- Carbonation
- Solution
- Acid rain

Flip learning task - Use the Hodder, Cambridge and Oxford textbooks to create notes on the different types of weathering.

You should have notes on this already. Make sure that they are attached to this booklet.

Use mini whiteboards to test the learning of the students for each type of weathering

What factors might affect the rate of weathering?

Use your research to answer the following questions:-

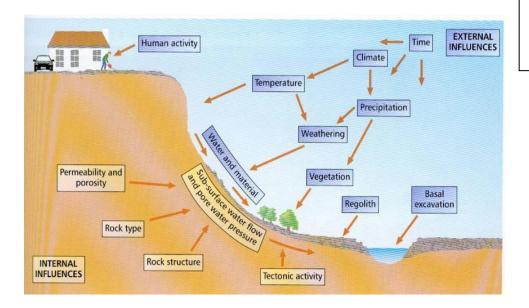
Hint - think about the following:-Heat, cold, rain, rock type, rock structure, exposure to salt spray, vegetation cover etc

- 1) Where/when might the rate of chemical weathering be fastest?
- 2) Where/ when might the rate of mechanical weathering be fastest?
- 3) Where/when might the rate of biological weathering be fastest?

Mass movement – the downward movement of material (regolith) due to gravity

What is the nature of mass movement dependent on?

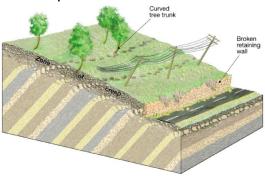
- The cohesion of sediment
- The height and angle of the slope
- The grain size within the sediment



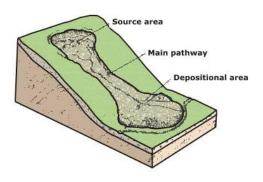
Use this diagram to list the <u>causes</u> of mass movement

Types of mass movement p116-117 Oxford Textbook (or https://www.alevelgeography.com/sub-aerial-processes/)





Mud flows

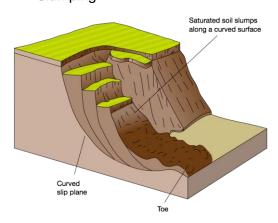


Rockfall

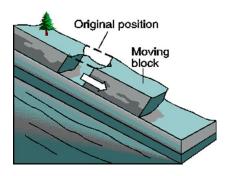


Slumping

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Landslide



What role does run-off have in sub-aerial processes?

See p117 Oxford textbook

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On the following pages there are images of mass movement processes at these locations:

- Holbeck Hall
- Barton-on-sea
- Holderness
- Norfolk
- Beachy Head
- 5. Using the textbooks and internet, complete the two tasks below:
- Task 1: Locate the case studies, listed below, on the map
- Task 2: Next to each image:
 - a. Annotate the image to highlight evidence that shows mass movement has occurred in each photo
 - b. Detail the processes at work

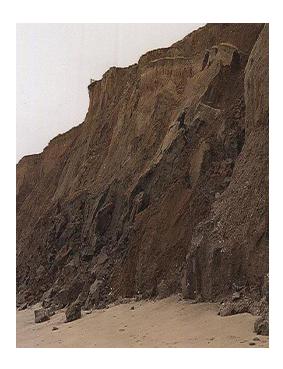


Holbeck Hall

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Barton on Sea



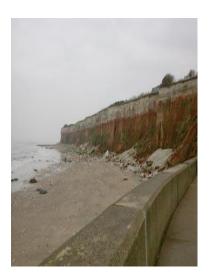
Holderness Coast

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Beachy Head

Norfolk







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Use the diagrams below to explain how slumping occurs.

Mass movement, the movement of rocks under the influence of gravity, occurs on coastlines.

One of the most common is rotational slumping.

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Metres

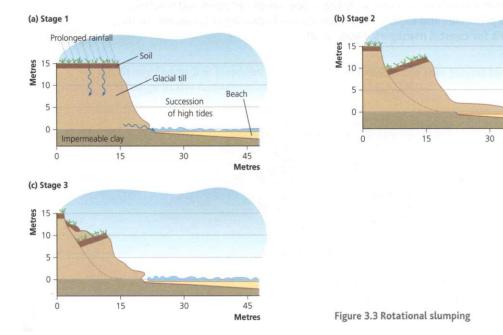
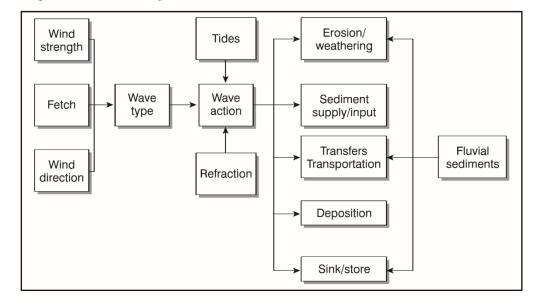


Figure 1: The coastal system



Outline the links between different parts of the coastal system shown in Figure 1 [4 marks]

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Q1	Match the terms with their process description				
Α	Repeated heating & cooling of rock leading to expansion & contraction				
В	Tree roots widening fissures at the top of a cliff				
С	Cliff faces being chipped as storm waves fling material at rock faces				
D	Smoothing, rounding & reducing of beach material by swash/backwash				
E	Powerful effervescence of compressed air as waves recede from joints				
(Corrasion/abrasion cavitation attrition exfoliation biological action				

Q2	Tick whether these involve Erosion or Weathering processes	Erosion	Weathering
Α	Freeze thaw action		
В	Hydraulic action		
С	Dissolving action by acid rain		
D	Quarrying		
E	Attrition		
F	Corrasion		
G	Oxidation of ferrous minerals within coastal rocks		

Q3	Tick the 2 factors out of each trio that will be most influential in the following processes					
Α	Freeze-thaw action	Diurnal temp. range	Predominant wave direction	Degree of jointing of rock		
В	Cliff slumping	Offshore currents	Nature of cliff material	Intensity of rainfall		
С	Spit formation	Change in angle of coastline	Longshore drift	Concordant coast		
D	Longshore drift	Predominant wave direction	Predominant wind direction	Tidal range		
E	Cliff retreat	Nature of cliff material	High energy coast	Length of ocean fetch		

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FURTHER READING / RESOURCES

The following sources are for you to complete further reading:

Internet:

Summary information and video clips of <u>sub-aerial weathering and mass movement</u> (http://www.alevelgeography.com/sub-aerial-processes/)

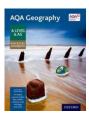
news article http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2303412/Why-buy-house-blind-auction-Torquay-landslide-takes-154k-home-it.html (has good pictures for students to interpret and limited text).

http://thebritishgeographer.weebly.com/coastal-processes.html - a recap with summaries of what you have studied so far including sub-aerial weathering

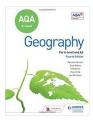
http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2004/3072/fs-2004-3072.html – though not coastal, has good informative links and information on reasons for landslides and mass movement

Textbooks:

Pages 114 to 117



Pages 101 to 103



Other:

See Godalming Online for additional resources:

Geography Y1 – 3.1.3 Coastal Systems and Landscapes – 5 Weathering and Mass Movement

HOMEWORK / FLIPPED LEARNING:

Go to Godalming Online/ Geography Y1 (As and Linear)/3.1.3Coastal Systems and Landscapes / 5 Weathering and Mass Movement

- Complete questions 1 and 2 from GF_388_-_L1_HW_Coastal_Erosion_-_Back_to_Nature.pdf:
 - 1. Why is Mappleton threatened by coastal erosion?
 - 2. How have human actions contributed to the erosion that destroyed Sue Earle's home? Include in your answer mention of the effect human actions have had on the coastal system at Mappleton.