Wear and tear

Rocks do not last for ever. They are battered by the sea on the coasts. High in the mountains, glaciers grind rocks to dust. Rivers carve valleys into the land.

Deep cuts
Rocks, sand and pebbles carried in rivers pound against the river banks, and can cut deep gorges into the land.

Wave power
Waves hurl rocks and stones at the cliffs, slowly breaking down the coastline.

Sandblasted
This arch is all that is left of a huge cliff. Sand carried in the wind blows against it constantly and wears it away.

glaciers — large, slow-moving masses of ice

gorges — deep, steep-sided valleys carved into the land by a river