Breakdown

Rocks are not as permanent as you may think. From driving rain to frothy seas, when rocks are exposed to wind, water, glaciers, or shifts in temperature, changes begin to happen.

Attack by sea
A long time ago, these stacks were a part of Australia's coastline, but they have been cut off from the coast after an ongoing battering from the sea.

Attack by wind and water
Hoodoos are columns of soft sandstone topped by harder rock caps. The cap has protected the rock beneath it from being washed away by heavy downpours of rain.

Attack by acid rain
Pollution from cars and lorries attacks rock. The gases are carried in rainwater to make acids that eat into rock – as shown by the damage to this sculpture.

Erosion facts
- The wearing away of a landscape is known as erosion.
- Plants add to rock erosion as their roots burrow their way into cracks in rocks.
- When rocks are broken down where they stand, it is known as weathering.