

# Ch 7.1 Weathering

## Section 1 Guided Reading

**Scan** Section 7.1 of your text. Write three questions that come to mind.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Use your text to define the following terms

1. acid \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. weathering \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. mechanical weathering \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. frost wedging \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. exfoliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. chemical weathering \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. oxidation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. process \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Mechanical Weathering:** *Sequence the processes by which factors in mechanical weathering break down rocks and minerals. Number the steps in each process 1–4.*

**Temperature**

\_\_\_\_\_ Freezing water exerts pressure on the rocks and makes them split.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water collects in the cracks of rocks and rock layers.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water thaws and the cycle, called frost wedging, repeats.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water expands as it freezes.

**Pressure**

\_\_\_\_\_ Successive layers of rock are stripped away in a process called exfoliation.

\_\_\_\_\_ The bedrock surface expands, and long cracks form parallel to the surface of the rock.

\_\_\_\_\_ The overlying rock layers are removed and the pressure on the bedrock is reduced.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bedrock at great depths is under pressure from the overlying rock layers.

**Chemical Weathering:** *Outline information about how water, oxygen, and carbon dioxide contribute to chemical weathering to help you understand and remember this cause of erosion.*

**I. Water**

A. Important in chemical weathering because \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Hydrolysis is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. It occurs in the decomposition \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. \_\_\_\_\_**

A. Like water, it can \_\_\_\_\_.

B. This chemical reaction is called \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. \_\_\_\_\_**

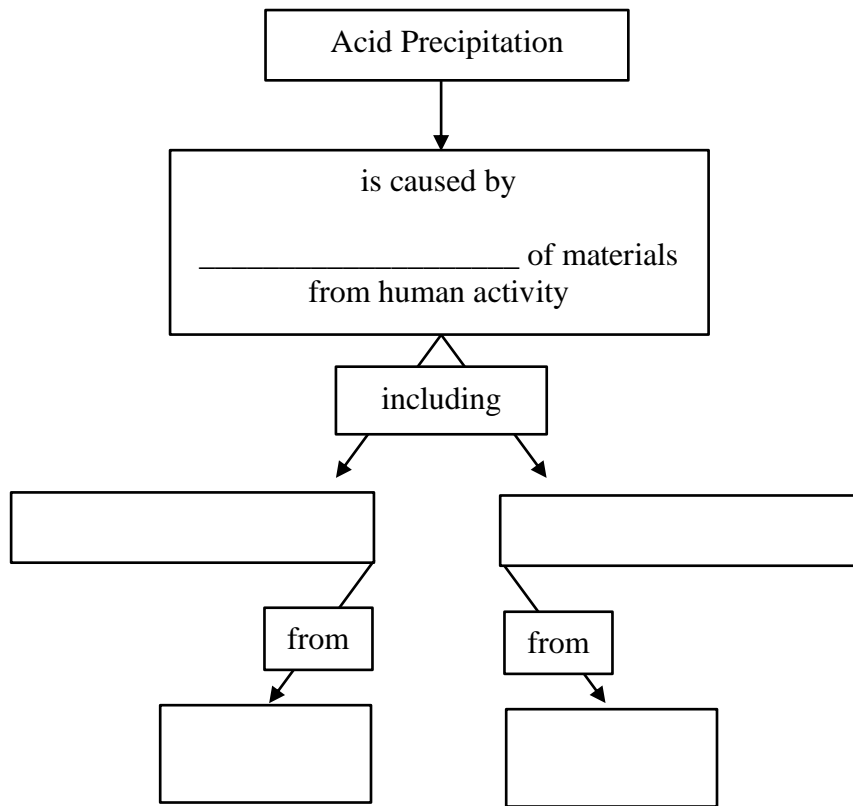
A. Produced by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Combines with water in the atmosphere to form \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Carbonic acid reacts with minerals to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Limestone caverns can form when \_\_\_\_\_.

**Organize** information about acid precipitation by completing this graphic organizer.



**Summarize** the conditions that can increase the rate of weathering by completing the table.

Variables that Affect the Rate of Weathering	
Variable	Most weathering happens with ...
Climate	warm, rainy (chemical) cool, dry (physical)

**Real World Connection:** You have been asked to design a stone monument. The monument will be located in a city that has a warm, rainy climate. You as the artist must make some design decisions. List what they might be, and why. Include information about its placement, design, and the materials you would use to make it.

Placement: \_\_\_\_\_

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Design: \_\_\_\_\_

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Materials: \_\_\_\_\_

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