Moving Away from the Edge

The places where the land and water meet are slowly changing over time. Sometimes people construct buildings and houses very close to the edge of the sea because they love to be near the ocean, to look out at the wide water and sky, and to listen to the waves.

Sometimes when people build very close to the sea, the buildings can get destroyed by erosion!



What do you notice in this photo?

Erosion happens over long periods of time. Maybe the people who built houses like this one weren't thinking far enough ahead about erosion and what could happen. Over time, as waves have crashed against the shore, the land under the houses has eroded. Then, the force of the waves from a big storm completely took the land out from under these structures.