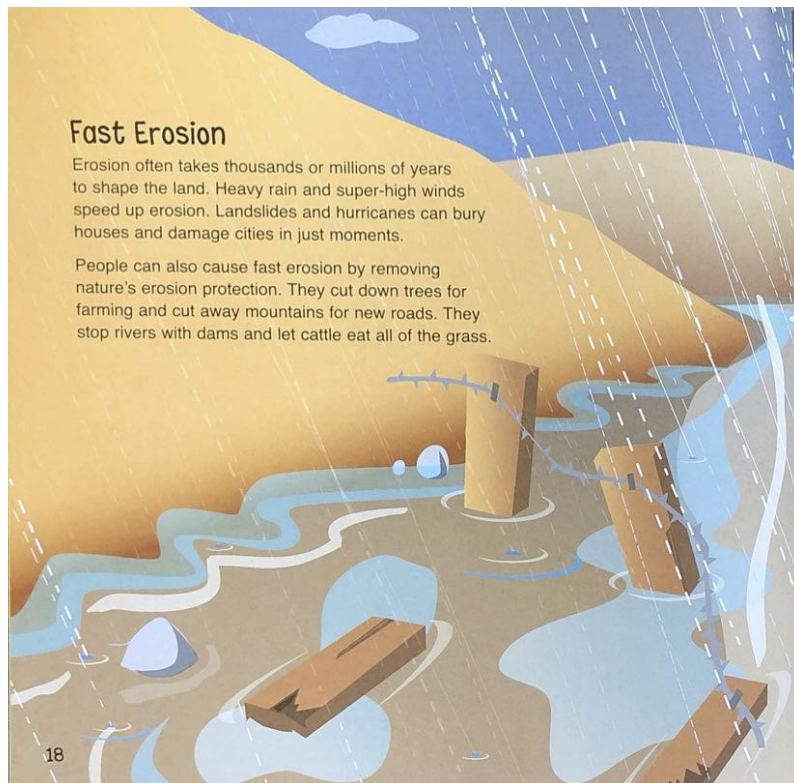


Comparing Erosion text excerpts

Erosion: Changing Earth's Surface excerpt, pages 18-19



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There is a balance in nature between land that is eroded and land that is made by deposition. Humans often upset the balance. Farming, logging, and construction can all make erosion worse.

ALL CHOKED UP

The Mississippi River carries a lot of sediment into the Gulf of Mexico. Irrigation adds water to soil that may already be soaked with rainwater. This causes soil to be washed away much quicker than just by heavy rains. The Mississippi River Delta becomes **clogged** or choked with sediment. Today, the Delta is growing into the Gulf by about six miles (10 km) every century.

► In June 2008, part of the Mississippi flooded its banks causing serious damage to local farming communities.

