

Land on the Move

Read how wind and rain move earth materials.

2.7.b “wind and weather can change the land; and”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell what wind or rain does. Circle words that tell how the land changes.

Sand and Soil Travel

- ① At a sandy beach, wind pushes dry grains across the ground. The grains bump and roll until they collect behind a piece of driftwood. Over many windy days, the pile can grow into a small dune.
- ② Weather also changes the land when rain falls. Rainwater runs down a bare hill and carries tiny bits of soil with it. A hard rain can make small grooves in the hill. This moving soil is called erosion.
- ③ After a storm, a gardener sees soil at the bottom of the hill. The top has less soil than before. The wind and rain did not make new land. They moved sand and soil from one place to another.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did the wind do to the dry grains at the beach?

2 How can hard rain change a bare hill?

3 Where was the soil after the storm, and where had it been before?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

In two panels, draw a school playground before and after a windy day. Show loose sand or soil moving, and write one label in each panel that tells what changed.

	
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PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell what wind or rain does. Circle words that tell how the land changes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did the wind do to the dry grains at the beach?	It pushed the grains across the ground, where they collected and could form a dune.
2	How can hard rain change a bare hill?	It can carry soil away and make small grooves in the hill.
3	Where was the soil after the storm, and where had it been before?	The soil was at the bottom of the hill. Before, more soil had been at the top.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: Sand is under the slide. Label: Sand is under the slide. Panel 2: Wind blows sand to the fence. Label: Wind moved sand to the fence.

Accept drawings that show wind moving loose sand or soil from one place to another. Labels should describe the land material's location before and after the wind.