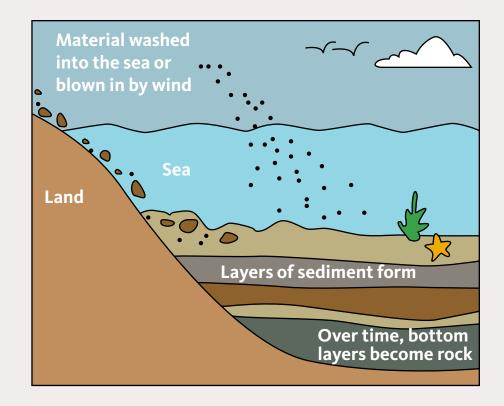


SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

Sedimentary rocks are made up of layers of sediment—the bits and pieces of other rocks, minerals, or plant and animal material.

As the sediment washes away into rivers, lakes, and oceans, it piles up in layer after layer. Eventually, the bottom layers are compacted and cemented (squeezed and glued together) to become solid rock.





Some sedimentary rocks have layers that are easily visible, like the Painted Hills in Eastern Oregon.



Some sedimentary rocks are made out of the remains of living material. Limestone is made from the remains of marine creatures.



Conglomerate is a type of sedimentary rock that is a mix of fine sediment with larger pebbles.