Weathering

Weathering products

- Regolith
- soil

Weathering, mass wasting, erosion

- 2 processes of breakdown
- erosion
- mass wasting
- Controlling factors
- 1. Rate of uplift
- 2. Hardness of surface materials
- 3. Climate
- ARID
- Humid

Physical weathering types 1) fracturing

■ joint

Block separation

Shattering

2) Frost action

talus slopes

3) salt crystal growth

4) Plant root wedging

5)Temperature Change

6) Unloading

Phys and chem

- the beginning of breakdown phys
- greater surface area exposed

Chemical Weathering

Agents of chem weathering

Oxidation

- what happens?
- rusting

Hydrolysis

Carbonation

- what happens?
- carbonic acid dissolves limestone

Karst topography

Location of karst

Caverns

Sinkholes

Knobs

Mass wasting

Role of slopes

- Angle of repose
- Greater slope=higher prob.

Role of water

Role of material

Classification

- Geomorphic threshold
- ∎ fall
- slide
- Flow
- creep