Reread

As you read, you may come across words, facts, or explanations that you do not understand. Rereading can help you understand them.



Find Text Evidence

As I read page 277 of "Into the Sea," I am not sure I understand erosion. I will reread this section.

page 277

Ocean waves and wind can also wash away land. They can change the shape of an **island**, which is land circled by water. When wind and water change the shape of **Earth**, it is called **erosion**.

Waves are the biggest cause of erosion at the beach. Ocean waves are always active and moving onto the shore. They carry the sand away bit by bit.

Strong waves are one of the **properties**

I read that erosion is when waves and wind change the shape of the earth. Rereading helped me understand what erosion is.

Your Turn



Why is erosion a problem? Reread page 278 of "Into the Sea" to answer the question.

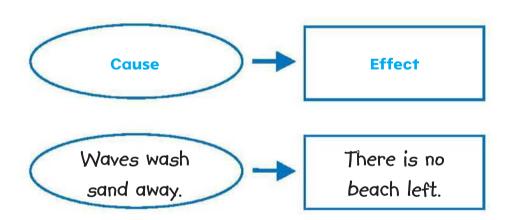
Cause and Effect

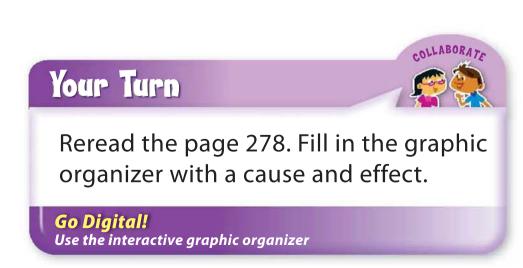
A cause is an event or action that makes something happen. An effect is what happens because of that event.



Find Text Evidence

On page 277 of "Into the Sea" I read that erosion can take sand away from the beach. This is the cause. I ask "What happens when the sand gets washed away?" This will help me understand the effect.





Expository Text

The selection "Into the Sea" is an expository text.

Expository text:

- includes facts about real events.
- includes text features.
- has a text structure.

Find Text Evidence

"Into the Sea" is an expository text. I can tell it is expository because it has causes and effects about real events. It also has text features.



Text Features

A **subhead** tells what the section of text is about.

Bold print is important to understanding the selection.

Your Turn



Reread page 279. Talk about why sea walls are important.



Context Clues

As you read, you can figure out a word you do not know by looking at the words and sentences near it for clues to its meaning.



Find Text Evidence

I'm not sure what the word communities means. To figure out what it means, I read on, looking for clues. I see the word towns used in the next sentence. I think communities means "towns."

Some local communities work to stop erosion to nearby beaches. These towns have built sea walls of large boulders or rocks.

Your Turn



Use clues in the sentences to figure out the meanings of these words in "Into the Sea."

crumble, page 278 boulders, page 279



Readers to...

Writers sometimes use time-order words help you understand the order of events. Reread the passage from "Into the Sea."

Expert Model

Word Choice

What time order words does the writer use to explain how erosion happens?



Erosion also happens on steep, rocky cliffs or sharp slopes. First, waves smash into the bottom of the cliffs. Then they carry away tiny pieces of rock. Over time, many small pieces of rock wash away from the bottom of the cliff. This makes the top of the cliff weak. The cliff can crumble and fall into the sea.

Writers

Meg wrote an expository text. Read Meg's revision.

Editing Marks

- / Make a small letter.
- Add a period.
- ∧ Add
- **Y** Take out.

Grammar Handbook

Helping Verbs See pages 485.

Student Model

Erosion

First,

Waves wash away sand from

beaches. This is called erosion.

This causes the beach to wash

wash away over time. Then

There is not much beach left.

After the sand is gone, people

will not go to the beach.



Your Turn



- Identify the time-order words Meg used.
- Identify the helping verbs.
- Tell how revisions improved her writing.

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