

# Natural Rocks

## Sedimentary Rock

Sedimentary rock forms under the sea.  
The following illustrates the process:

1) As a result of weathering and erosion, bits of rock end up in lakes and rivers. Rivers transport bits of rock and deposit them on the bottom of the sea.

This process is called **sedimentation**.

2) With time, more layers (strata) pile up and press down on the lower layers of rock. This process is called **compaction**.

3) Over time, water is pushed out from these layers and the process of **cementation** occurs. This is when salt compounds glue or cement the bits of rock together so they form a solid layer.

