Chapter 3 vocabulary - Erosion and Deposition

**Lesson 1**

**delta** large deposit of sediment that forms where a stream enters a large body of water

**deposition** laying down or settling of eroded material

**erosion** removal of weathered material from one location to another

**process** ongoing event or series of related events

**Lesson 2**

**abrasion** grinding away of rock or other surfaces as particles carried by wind, water, or ice scrape against them

**dune** pile of windblown sand

**loess** crumbly, windblown deposit of silt and clay

**longshore current** flows parallel to the shoreline

**meander** broad, C-shaped curve in a stream

**Lesson 3**

**glacier** large mass of ice that formed on land and moves slowly across Earth’s surface

**landslide** rapid downhill movement of soil, loose rocks, and boulders

**mass wasting** downhill movement of a large mass of rocks or soil because of gravity

**moraine** mound or ridge of unsorted sediment deposited by a glacier

**outwash** layered sediment deposited by streams of water that flowed from a melting glacier

**talus** pile of angular rocks and sediment from a rockfall

**till** mixture of various sizes of sediment deposited by a glacier