

ice wedging *(ice-wedg-ing)*

Definition

n. a geological process in which water seeps into cracks in rocks, freezes, and expands, causing the rocks to break apart over time.

Example Sentence

Ice wedging is a significant factor in the erosion of mountains and cliffs.

More Example Sentences

As temperatures fluctuate, **ice wedging** can lead to the rapid breakdown of rock formations.

Synonyms

frost wedging; freeze-thaw weathering; mechanical weathering

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