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EC63-140 Kinds of Erosion

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Wind causes blowouts. Note steep, high bumps where wind sweeps sand loose and blows it on adjoining grass.

Kinds of Erosion

1. Wind—wind erosion is the loss of soil by the force of the wind.
2. Water—water erosion is the loss of soil by the force of water. There are three types of water erosion:
   a. Rill erosion—the washing of many small ditches on a hillside.
   b. Sheet erosion—the washing away of soil in thin layers.
   c. Gully erosion—the creation of a ditch or small valley by running water. Sometimes these ditches become quite large.

Eroded Soil Means:
- Poor farms
- Poor crops
- Poor farmers
- Poor schools
- Poor churches
- Poor towns and cities

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Wind causes fence lines to drift over with soil.

Wind causes road ditches to fill with good soil.

Water causes sheet erosion by removing a thin layer of topsoil.

Water causes gully erosion.

Water causes rill erosion—a series of small ditches being washed down a hill.