After You Read

Mini Glossary

cementation: process in which sediments are held together by dissolved minerals produced when water moves through rock

compaction: process in which layers of sediments are pressed together to form rock

sediment: loose material, such as tiny pieces of rock, mineral grains, and bits of shell, that are weathered from rocks and carried by wind or water

sedimentary rock: rock that forms when sediments are pressed and cemented together, or when minerals form from solutions

1. Review the terms and their definitions in the Mini Glossary. Then write one or two sentences that describe how sediments form sedimentary rocks. Use the terms in your answer.

