



Challenge



**Hot Topics**



**A**RE you going to go to the beach this summer? Be careful! Beach **erosion** is found on several beaches in Hong Kong. Let's learn more about this hot topic!

## Golden Beach is endangered!

GOLDEN Beach is one of the **threatened** beaches. Several **evidences** of beach erosion are found on the beach, which may cause danger to swimmers. But what is beach erosion?

Beach erosion happens when **tide** continually washes away the sand on the beach. It makes

sand become thinner. The beach will even **disappear** if the problem of erosion continues. Besides Golden Beach, beach erosion is also found on Cheung Sha Beach, Stanley Main Beach, Deep Water Bay Beach and Repulse Bay Beach. To solve the problem, the government is working on some engineering projects on these beaches.



Evidence of beach erosion on Golden Beach, Tuen Mun.

### 1 Reasons

WHY does beach erosion happen? Here are some reasons explaining the issue. However, one of them is wrong. Pick it out!

- A** The change of weather makes great impact to the direction of water **currents** in the sea. The changed currents remove sand from the **seashore**.
- B** There is sand mining nearby the beach.
- C** People bring sand back to their home as **souvenirs**.

### 2 Locations

WHERE are these beaches? Are they located on Hong Kong Island or in the New Territories? Classify them.

- A** Stanley Main Beach
- B** Deep Water Bay Beach
- C** Repulse Bay Beach
- D** Golden Beach



Answers: Q1. C; Q2. A, B, C - Hong Kong Island, D - The New Territories

### Vocabulary

**erosion** (n) 侵蝕  
**threaten** (v) 威脅

**evidence** (n) 迹象  
**tide** (n) 潮水

**disappear** (v) 消失  
**current** (n) 水流

**seashore** (n) 海岸  
**souvenir** (n) 紀念品