

Soil erosion in Rodrigues.

Q1. Match (→) Part A to Part B

Part A	Part B	
1. A major problem in Rodrigues	A. when the topsoil is removed.	B
2. Soil erosion is a problem there	B. is soil erosion.	C
3. Long ago most of the trees	C. because the island is hilly.	D
4. In the past forests	D. were cut down for wood.	F
5. Soil erosion occurs	E. and prevent it from being washed away easily.	A
6. It also occurs during	F. were cleared for agriculture.	G
7. Plants bind the topsoil	G. heavy rains.	E

Q2. Now answer the following questions:

1. What has been done to prevent soil erosion in Rodrigues?

Terracing of the hills has been done to prevent soil erosion in Rodrigues.

2. How does terracing of the land reduce soil erosion?

Terracing of land prevents the top fertile soil from being washed away rapidly during heavy rainfall.