

News: Rockslide!

Look at the word "rockslide". It has two parts. What are they?

What does each part mean?

What do you think the two parts mean together?

Look at the photos of a rockslide that happened Saturday. What do you think happened? Tell the story.

Rockslide in Waimea

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A rockslide happened early Saturday morning in Waimea. It was near the same place where a rockslide happened in March 2000.

After the rockslide in 2000, a metal fence was put between the highway and the cliff. The fence held back most of the rockslide on Saturday.

Saturday's rockslide closed the road until Monday morning. Then, half of the road opened. It will fully open in two to three weeks. The cliff will be fixed in four to five months.

Review

- 1) When was the rockslide? Where was it?
- 2) What was done after the rockslide in 2000?
- 3) When was the road closed? Can cars use the road now? When will the road be fully opened?

Discuss

- 1) Why do you think it takes so long to fix the road?
- 2) How do you think people are affected by the rockslide?
- 3) A rockslide is a kind of natural disaster. What are some other kinds of natural disasters? Have you ever been in one?




A rockslide rumbled onto Kamehameha Highway in Waimea, keeping the road close in both directions until the boulders were cleared.



A metal fence helped keep some boulders from spilling onto the road.



 The 1,000-foot metal and mesh impact fence was placed between the highway and the cliff face after a rockslide seven years ago.