

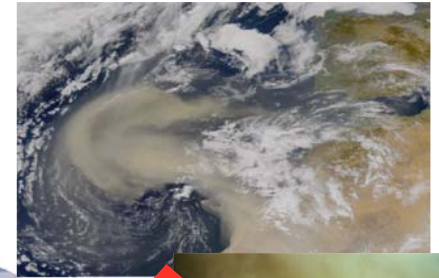
Why is the Ocean Salty?

THE SALT CYCLE

rivers



dust storms



volcanoes



evaporites



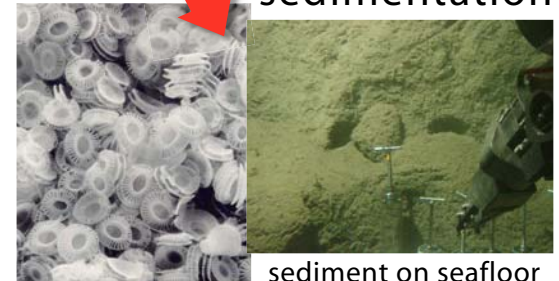
hydrothermal vents



"black smokers"



sedimentation



plankton
(form shells from seawater)