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Erosion is a breakdown of the outer layers of the skin, usually because of a:

- Cut
- Scrape
- Inflammation

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