

HOW TO REBUILD A DRY STONE WALL

In terraced land areas dry stone walls often collapse because of the action of water which is not properly canalised.

To rebuild these walls it is necessary to remove the collapsed material and to separate the stones from the earth.

The second step is to lay the foundations of the new wall: it is necessary to dig in search of a rock or a compact earth layer which is able to support the wall.

At this point you can lay the stones, putting the small ones on the inside, as their main function is to drain water.

Each time a layer is finished you must put some shingles among the big stones so as to fill possible holes and to prevent the stones from collapsing.

To anchor this kind of wall to the ground it is absolutely necessary, from time to time, to insert a key-stone, that is a longer stone, in order to join the external line of the wall to the earth lying directly behind.

READING COMPREHENSION

ACTIVITIES



● List the main operations in the rebuilding of a dry stone wall.

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