

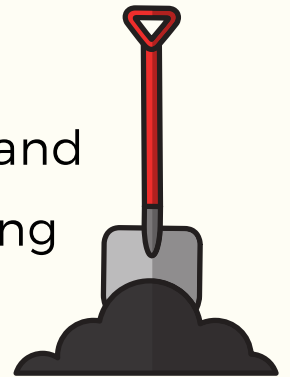
ALL ABOUT SOIL

Name: _____

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SCIENCE FACT:

Soil is not just dirt but a rich source of life and nourishment for many organisms, including humans.



Fill in the blanks using the word bank

WORD BANK

HOME MUD SPONGE FLOOR
CRADLE DIRT EARTH FOOD GROUND

1. The _____ that soaks up the rain.
2. A great big _____, a natural drain,
3. The forest _____, the _____ of roots.
4. The living _____ beneath our boots.
5. The speck of _____ that gets in our eye.
6. The _____ in the child's pie.
7. _____ for animals we rarely see.
8. Nutritious _____ for a worm or a tree.

ANSWERS: 1. ground 2. sponge 3. floor, cradle 4. Earth
5. dirt 6. mud 7. Home 8. food

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Read the paragraph and the clues.
List the four things that make up soil



How is soil formed? Over many years, rock is broken down into tiny pieces. Plant and animals die. Their decaying matter and waste called humus joins the broken up rock. Small spaces in the mixture are filled with water and air.

1. It adds moisture. _____
2. it cannot be seen, but it fills space.

3. It takes many years to break down.

4. it is from the remains of plants and animals.

ANSWERS: 1. water 2. air 3. rock 4. humus