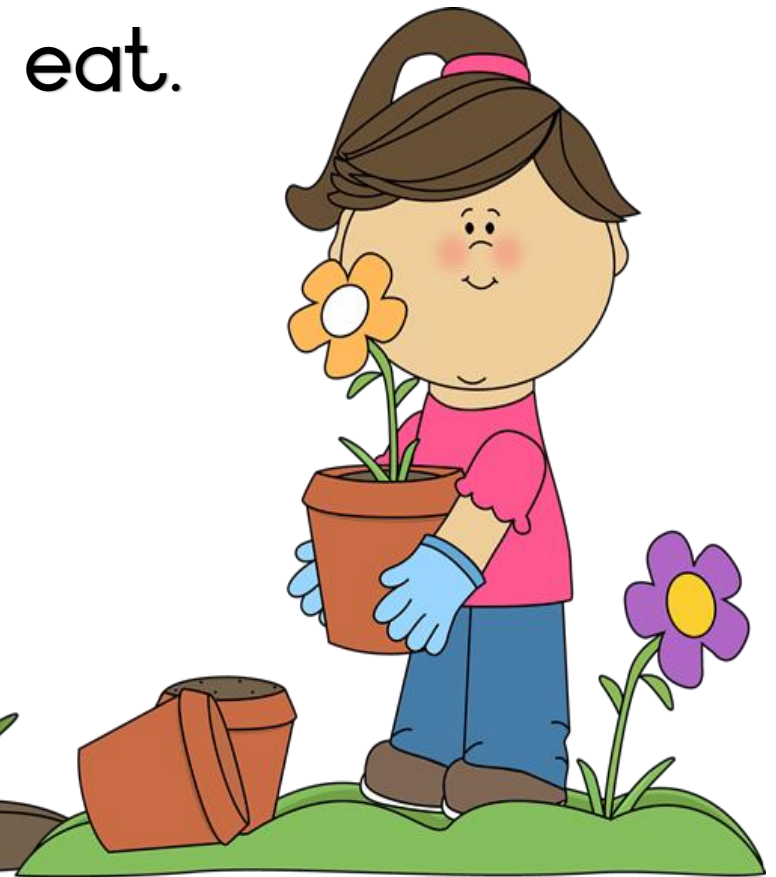
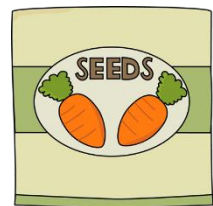


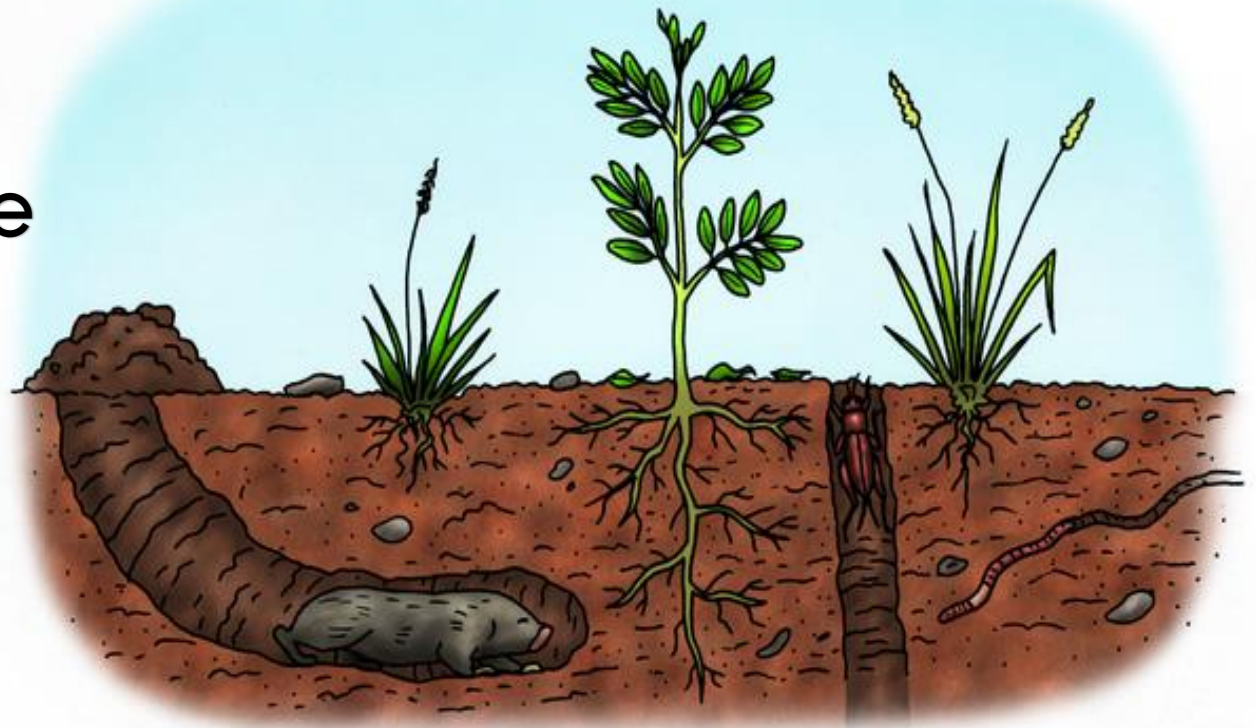
Importance of soil

- . People need soil to live.
- . We plant food in soil to eat.
- . We build our houses and buildings on soil.



Importance of soil

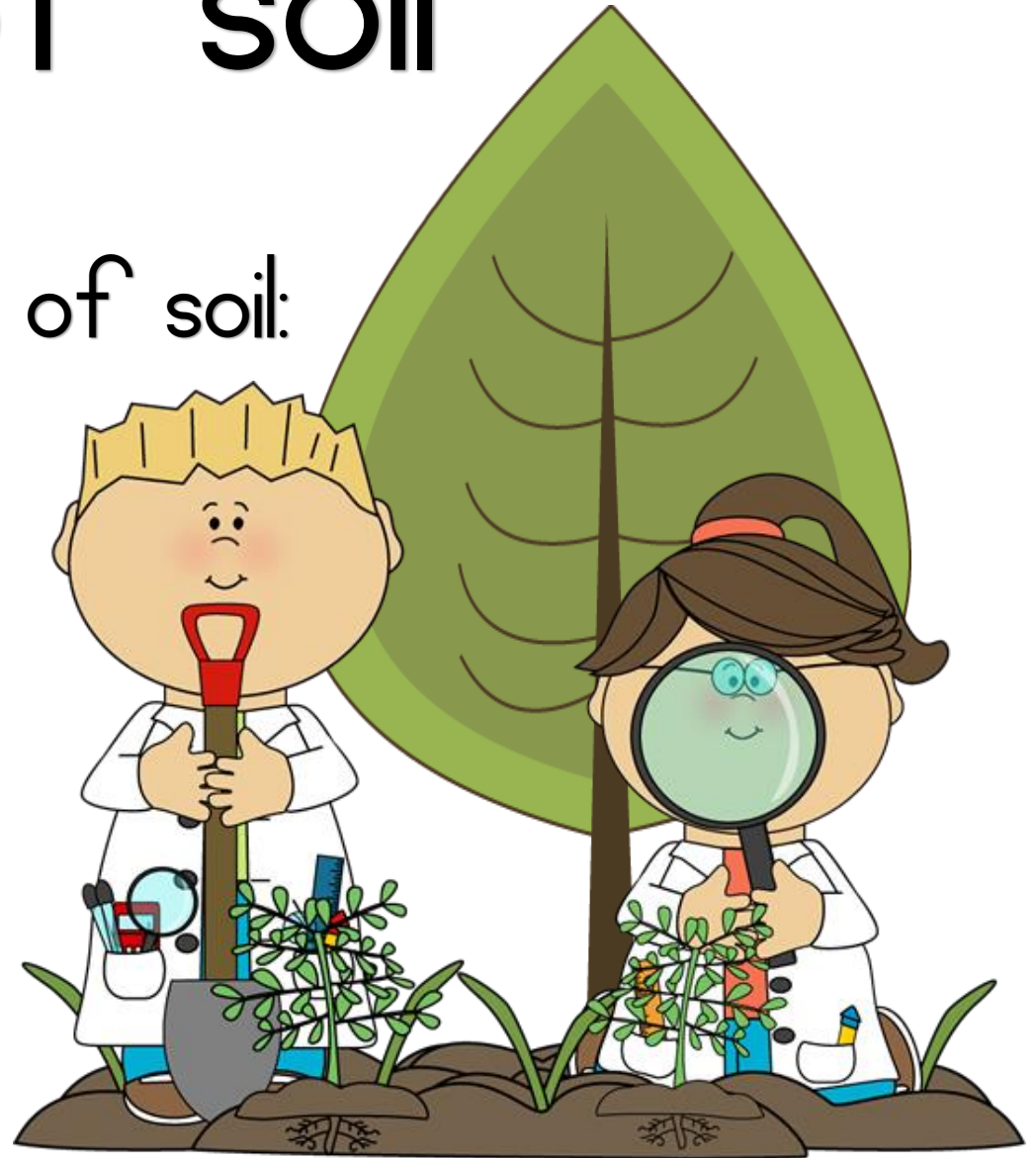
- Animals such as cows and goats eat the grass which grow in soil.
- Rabbits, moles, mice and some insects live in soil.



Types of soil

There are 3 types of soil:

1. Sandy soil
2. Loam
3. Clay





Clay



The soil particles of clay stick together. When it rains the water doesn't seep into the clay, therefore plants stay in the water too long and can start to rot.





Loam

Loam is the best type of soil to plant in. It is a mixture of clay and

sandy soil. Loam doesn't get too dry or too wet.





Sandy soil

Plants don't grow well in sandy soil.
It is easily blown away by the wind.
Sandy soil is dry, hard and sandy
when you
touch it.





Sandy soil

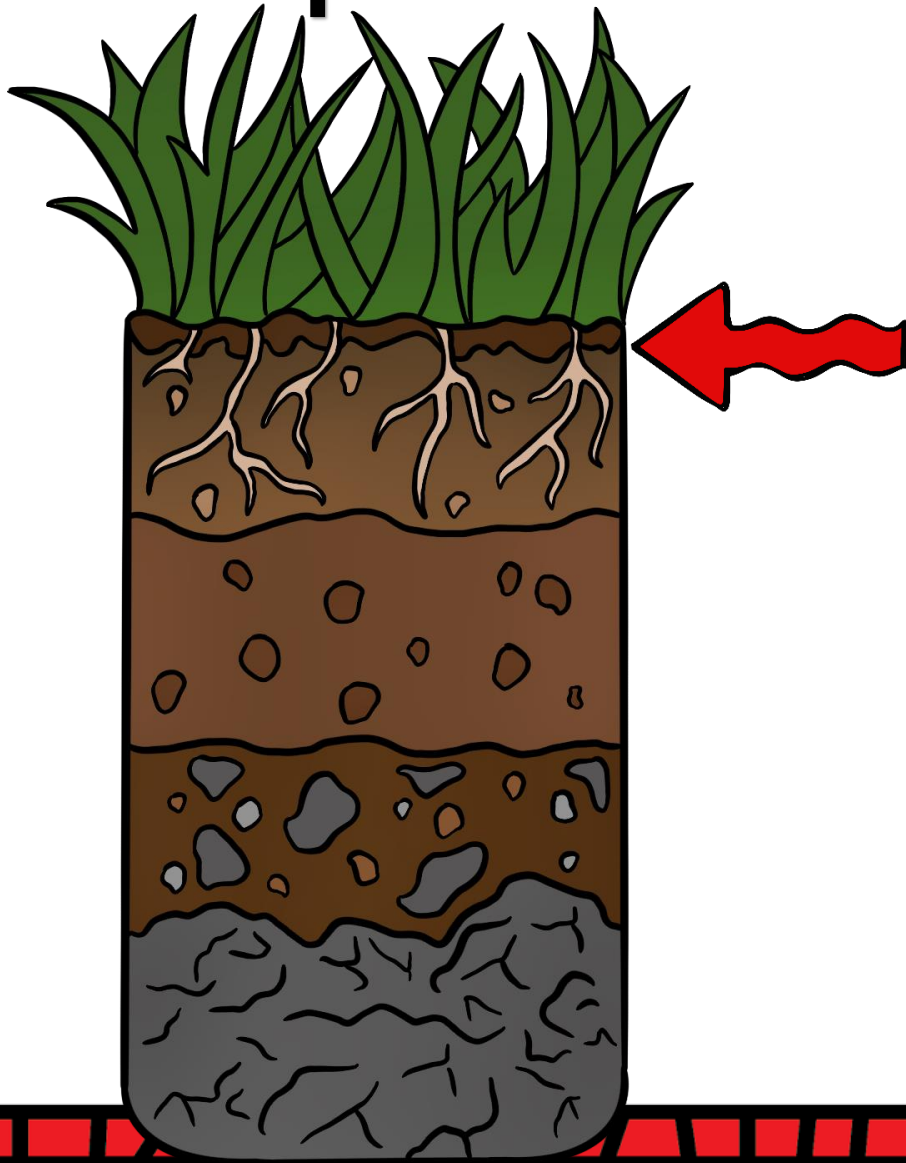


Loam



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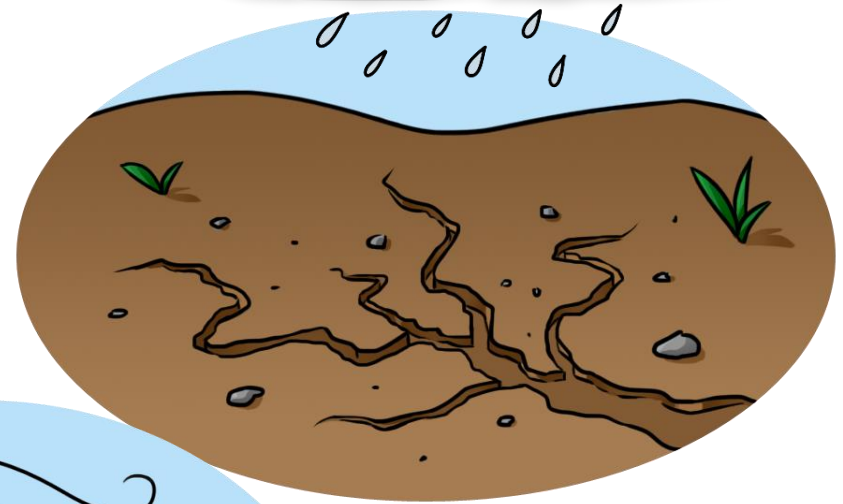
Topsoil



- . The most important part of soil for people and animals is topsoil. That is the soil in which plants grow.
- . Topsoil is the top layer of soil.
- . It can be blown away or washed away easily.
- . Plants grow in the topsoil and prevents the rain and wind from harming the topsoil.

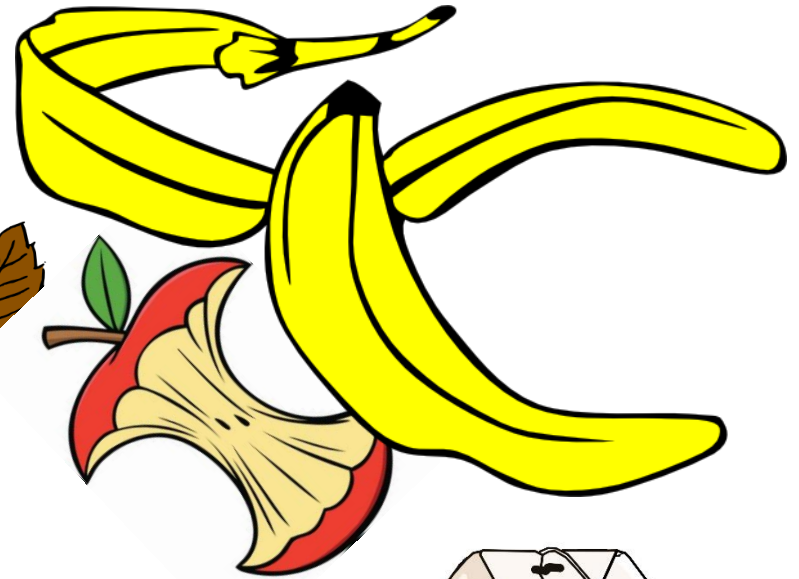
Soil erosion

When the topsoil is blown away by wind or washed away by rain, we call it soil erosion.



Wind

Compost



- We can keep the soil in our gardens healthy by adding compost to it.
- Compost provides nutrition for plants. Here is a recipe for making compost.

