1. You can think of soil as the ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the earth’.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also provides building materials, homes for animals, and things we need every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Soil is made of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and water.
4. It can take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of years to make soil.
5. Decayed plants and animals is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which adds nutrients to the soil.
6. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ layers of soil.
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - includes humus and only a few inches thick
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - soil and rocks
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - many layers of rock
7. There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ types of soil. The type of soil it is depends on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ size.
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - largest and does not hold water, lots of air
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - medium grain, smooth when wet
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - fine grain, sticky and hard, little or no air
8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the best for growing crops. It is a mixture of sand, silt and clay, and humus.
9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_keep soil from washing away.
10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where plants grow, is a precious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resource.
11. Worms help soil by creating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that mix up the soil.
12. Soil can be formed into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and used to build homes.
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is used to make pottery.
14. Soil provides the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life on earth.
15. Soil looks and feels different depending on its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. Farmers grow plants in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.