

Unit 3: Plants Around Us 3.2 The Story of Soil

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1.	Write a short note	on the importance o	of soil.		
2.	Draw and explain	the composition of s	soil.		

	(a)	I am composed of large, rough grains of rock. I am very light. I don't hold / retain water, but let it pass through easily.		
	(b)	I have very fine and smooth grains. When wet, I am extremely sticky and do not allow air or water to pass through easily.		
	(c)	I allow air and water to reach the roots of plants. I contain humus; it provides the nutrients that plants need for healthy growth.		
4.	Giv	re reasons.		
	(a)	Topsoil is dark brown in colour.		
	(b)	Plants growing in humus-rich soil need not be watered daily.		
	(c)	Cutting down of trees should be stopped to prevent soil erosion.		

3. Guess who I am.

5. Match the following.

Α	В
(a) Loam	(i) Nutrients
(b) Clayey	(ii) Blowing away of soil
(c) Rock	(iii) Wall and floor tiles
(d) Sandy	(iv) Growing plants
(e) Humus	(v) Soil
(f) Soil erosion	(vi) Watermelon

Answer: (a) - ____, (b) - ____, (c) - ____, (d) - ____, (e) - ____, (f) - ____.

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

(roots, concrete, humus, texture, sandy, fineness)

- (a) _____ is a mixture of sand, water, gravel, and cement.
- (b) Farmers grow different types of crops according to _____ and ____ the soil.
- (c) _____ holds water like a sponge.
- (d) Peanuts and peaches prefer _____ soil for growth.
- (e) _____ of plants hold the soil together.

7. Differentiate between the 3 types of soils.

Sandy	Clayey	Loam

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8. Humus is important for plant growth. Explain.

Self-assessment

✓ the picture that shows how you worked today.

yes



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yes



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Teacher's remark: