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## **SOIL**

Types of soil.

There are three types of soil.







**SANDY SOIL** 



LOAMY SOIL OR GARDEN SOIL

	CLAYEY SOIL	SANDY SOIL	LOAMY SOIL
<b>COMPOSITION</b> Made up of small		Consists of a lot of	This soil is a mixture of
(Made up of) particle.		sand particles.	sand, clay and humus.
MOISTURE (water This soil can hold		It can hold very little	Normally absorbs
content)	lot of water, and is	water.	water and can store
	very sticky when wet.		moisture as well.
FOR PLANTS Plants do not grow		Plants do not grow	Plants grow well in
	well in this soil, as	well as this soil can't	loamy soil. As it
	there is very little air	hold enough water.	contains the right
	for roots to breathe.		amount of sand, clay,
			humus and water.

**Manure** is a mixture of cow dung and dead decaying plant matter. The addition of manure helps to make the soil more fertile.



## **Uses of soil**

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Rice, wheat, vegetables and fruits that we eat grow in soil.
Soil provides water and nutrients which helps plants to grow well.

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Some animals such as earthworms,rats, moles, snakes, rabbits, beetles,worms and ants live in the soil



People use mud to make kutcha houses.

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We manufacture cement, iron, glass and brick from soil.
Sandy soil is used in the construction of building.

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We also get many metals, petrol and gas from the soil underground.

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Potters use clayey soil to make clay pots.

- 1. Fill in the blanks.
- a. Loamy soil is also called \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ soil holds very little water.

c.	Potters use soil to make clay pots.					
d.	Soil is formed by the breaking up of					
e.	Addition of adds to the fertility of the soil.					
f.	Dead and decayed plant and animal matter is called					
g.	Loam is a mixture of, and					
h.	soil holds the right amount of air and water.					
i.	Soil contains clay, sand and					
j.	soil has very little air for roots of the plants to breathe.					
k.	consists of small stones.					
l.	People use mud to make houses.					
2.	Write True or False.					
a.	Soil is the bottom layer of the earth.					
b.	Humus provides nutrients for the growth of plants					
c.	There are four types of soil					
d.	Sandy soil is best for the growth of plants					
e.	Plants grow best in loamy soil					
f.	Clay consists of very big pieces of rock					
g.	Sand consists of grainy but bigger pieces of rock					
3.	Name three animals that live in the soil.					