

Glossary

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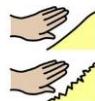
Rock

Words you already know

Soil



Texture



Fossil	The remains of the dead plant and animals trapped in the layers of rocks are called fossils.	
Crystal	Solids with a symmetrical arrangement of faces, usually bright and clear. Often formed naturally when liquids cool and molecules gather in a pattern.	
Marble	A metamorphic rock that is developed from limestone	
Chalk	A soft, whitish rock. It is a type of limestone. Like other forms of limestone, it is made from animal shells and takes many years to form.	
Granite	A type of igneous rock, found on Earth but nowhere else in the Solar System. It is formed from hot, molten magma.	
Sandstone	A sedimentary rock and is formed over thousands of years of sand being compacted together.	
Slate	Fine-grained, clay-like, metamorphic rock that splits readily into thin slabs.	
Organic Matter	Any plant or animal material that returns to the soil and goes through the decomposition process.	
Sandy Soil	Pale coloured and has large particles. These create lots of small air gaps. Water drains through them easily so it usually feels dry.	
Clay Soil	Usually sticky and has small particles. They contain very few air gaps and water does not drain through it easily.	
Chalky Soil	A light brown soil. Water drains through it quickly.	
Peat	Peat does not contain any rock particles. It's made from very old decayed plants and is dark, crumbly and rich in nutrients.	