

WHAT IS SOIL?

Name _____ Date _____

Match the definitions to the key words.

pebble	•	•	larger sized gravel ranging in size from 4 mm to 64 mm
gravel	•	•	small rock particles, slightly larger than clay, that can be easily transported by wind and water
sand	•	•	mostly organic matter, such as decomposing leaves
silt	•	•	small rock particles that are visible to the naked eye, larger than clay or silt, but smaller than gravel
clay	•	•	small rock particle larger than sand, ranging in size from 2mm to 4 mm
humus	•	•	the smallest type of rock particle