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What is Soil?

Directions: Match the definitions to the key words. These can be used in your records of soil observations.

Key Word List Match

humus



The smallest type of rock particle

clay



small rock particle larger than sand, ranging in size from 2mm to 4mm

silt



small rock particles that are visible to the naked eye, larger than clay or silt, but smaller than gravel

sand



Mostly organic matter, such as decomposing leaves.

gravel



small rock particles, slightly larger than clay, that can be easily transported by wind and water

pebble



larger sized gravel ranging in size from 4mm to 64mm