

Vocabulary



clay Smallest pieces of rock found in soil.

Clay feels silky or smooth when you rub it between your fingers.

humus Dark material in soil, made of decayed plants.

Humus provides the nutrients that plants need to grow.

loam A kind of rich soil that is good for growing plants.

Loam has equal parts of humus, clay, and sand.

soil A mixture of weathered rock and decayed plants.

Soil forms the top layer of Earth's surface. Most plants need soil to grow.