

Glossary

Clay - a type of soil with very small particles; can be shaped when wet.

Humus - part of soil, formed with dead plants and animals, nutrient rich, home to slugs and other decomposers

Inorganic - sand, silt, clay, metal, rocks and minerals

Nutrient - healthy food for living things; helps them grow

Organic - dead plants, fungus and animals broken down into soil

Sediment - silt or other matter; sinks to bottom of water

Silt - tiny particles of clay or sand moved by water

Subsoil - clay dense layer under topsoil

Topsoil - soil layer we see without digging; where plants grow