

Vocabulary test September 22

Weathering: the breaking down of rock into smaller pieces.

Erosion: The movement of weathered rock.

Natural resource: Materials found in nature that are used by living things.

Soil: a covering for the Earth that contains air, water, rocks, and nutrients for plants and animals.

Survive: to stay alive.

Organic material: the decaying particles in soil that were once living things.

Inorganic material: the particles in soil that were never alive like grains of rock, air, and water.

Decay: the breaking down of the remains of plant or animals/insect in soil.

Castings: the droppings of worms that provide rich nutrients for soil.

Humus: the part of soil that is made of dead plants and animals; ex., leaves.

Topsoil: the topmost layer of soil that has LOTS OF humus where many plants and animals live.

Subsoil: the middle layer of soil that contains LITTLE humus, small rocks, and tree roots.

Bedrock: the bottom layer of soil that is made of soil rock.