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# Soils Quiz

What four things make up soil?

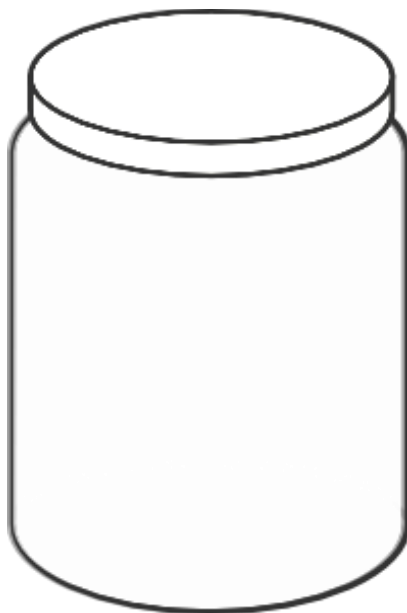
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the table below by naming the four types of soil we have talked about and their characteristics.

Type of Soil	Characteristic			
	Colour	Texture	Size of Pieces	Water Drainage

Draw and label what a jar of soil would look like when separated by water.



Complete the paragraph below by filling in the missing words.

A \_\_\_\_\_ pile takes advantage of nature's \_\_\_\_\_ system by turning organic waste into a rich soil conditioner called compost. This material will slowly \_\_\_\_\_ over time and go back into the earth. This is called decomposition. Bacteria, fungi and other organisms like earthworms work to breakdown or decompose \_\_\_\_\_ waste. Compost can be used to improve the quality of soil for \_\_\_\_\_.

When you are done, use the space below to make a compost word search.

