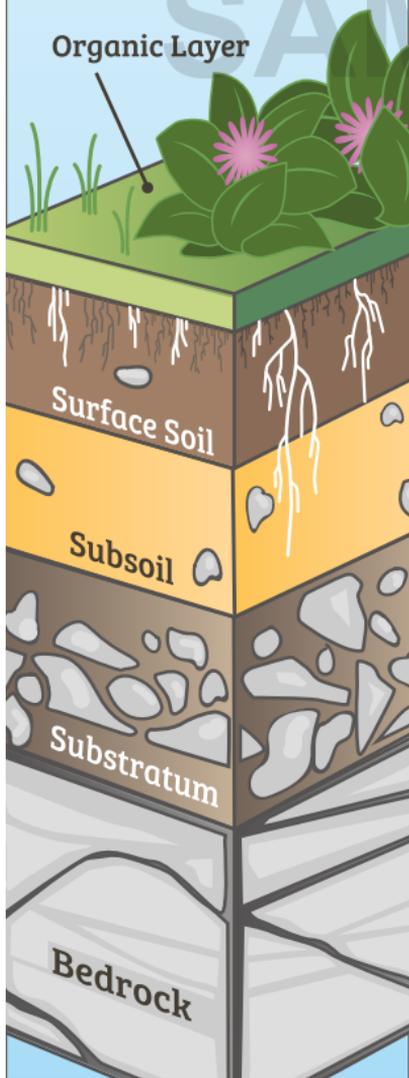


# SOIL!

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Did you know that soil has layers? As we dig deeper, we see different types of soil. When we look at the layers together, that's called a soil profile. It tells us the story of the ground under our feet, like a storybook.

Usually soil has four layers. **Surface soil**, the first, is filled with nutrients from dead plants and animals. Worms and bugs live here, and so do the roots of plants. Below that is **subsoil**, which is filled with minerals from the topsoil. Next is the **substratum**, which is made of slightly broken rock. The deepest layer is **bedrock**, which is solid, unbroken rock.

Together, these layers of soil support the life of plants and animals, making our Earth a wonderful place to live.