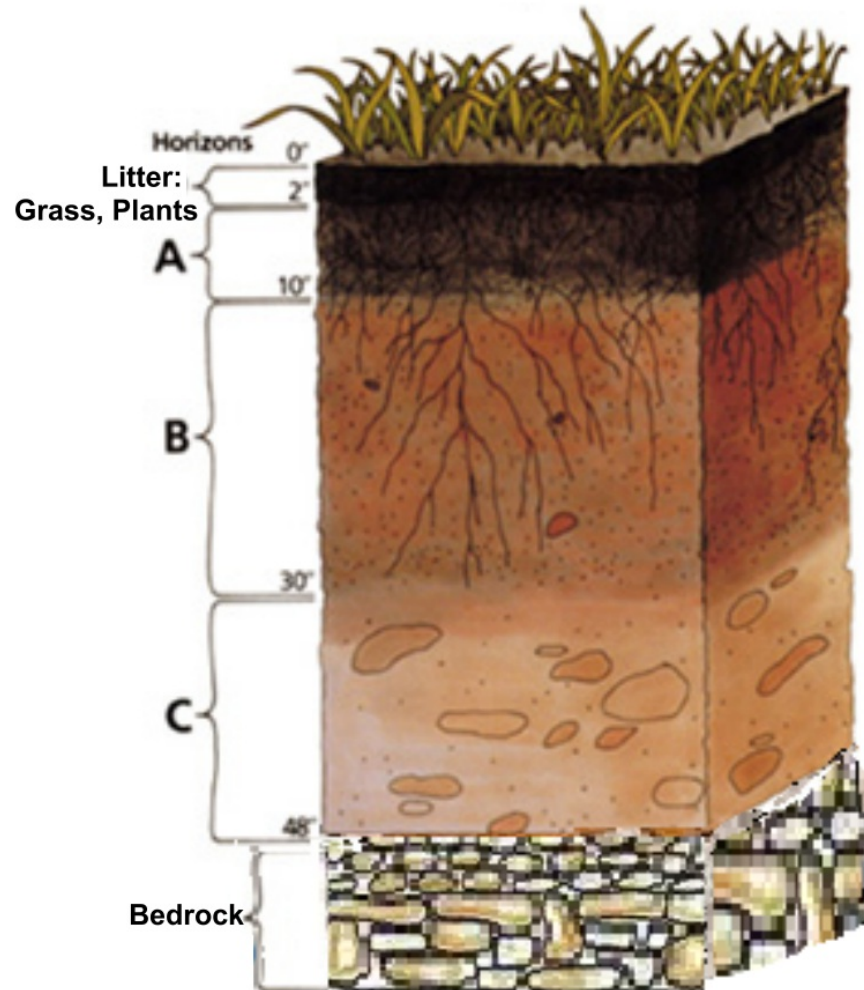


Soil Horizons

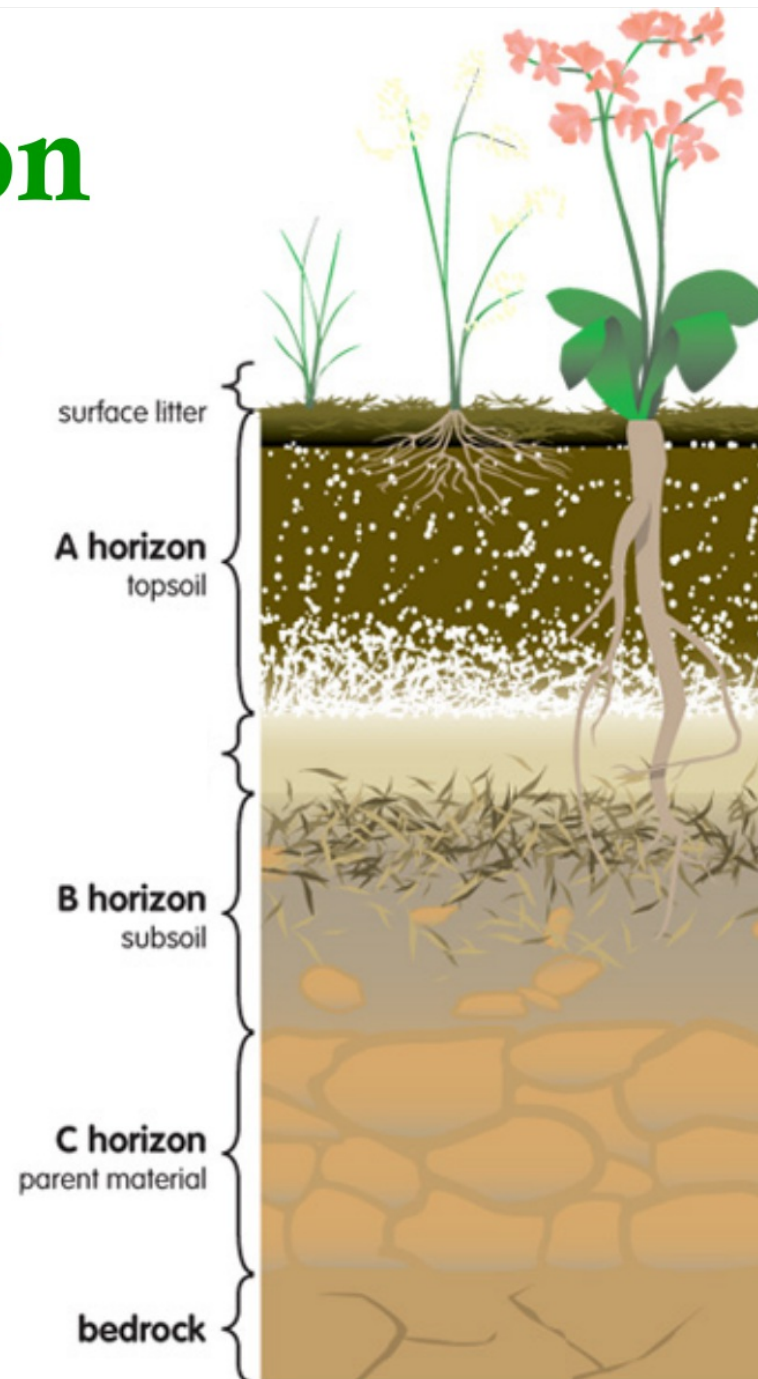


-Horizon is a **side profile** of the layers of soil.

-Soil is usually divided into **3 main layers.**

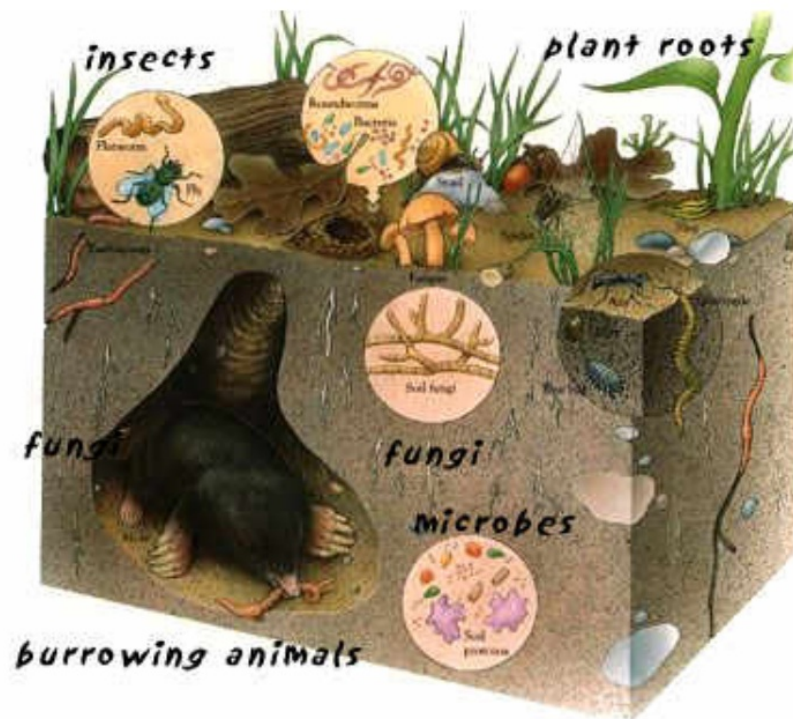
Soil Horizon

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Surface Litter



- On top of the first layer of soil
- Contains: plants, animals, grass

A Horizon: Topsoil

- 1st layer of soil
- Darkest layer of soil- lots of nutrients
- Contains: roots, small animals, nutrients, humus

B Horizon: Subsoil

- 2nd layer of soil
- Lighter in color- fewer nutrients and water
- Limited plant growth

C Horizon: Parent Material

- 3rd layer of soil
- Lightest in color - gray
- No nutrients, animals, or plant growth
- Contains weathered rock and sediments

Bedrock

- Below the last layer of soil
- Has NOT been weathered
- No soil in this layer

