

**What's the Dirt on Soil?****Overview**

In this Exploration you will examine soil layers (horizons) and identify each one's distinct properties.

Questions

1. Which horizon (soil layer) is also called topsoil? _____
2. What can we learn from the study of soil layers? _____

3. Why do you think the material in R horizon is called the parent material?

How to Use This Exploration

1. Read the Introduction and click the Continue button.
2. Roll your mouse over each image to reveal the information about the soil layer.
3. Drag each layer to the correct area.
4. When all the layers are matched, a Congratulations box will appear. Read and click the Next button.
5. Read the information as each soil horizon is labeled. Fill out the Data Chart. Press the Replay button as necessary.

Data

Soil Horizons	Description of Horizon
O	
A	
E	
B	
C	
R	