



something to remember

Soil

1. **Topsoil**—The top layer of soil. It is dark-colored, rich in minerals, and not very deep.
2. **Subsoil**—The second layer of soil. It is lighter in color, has fewer minerals, and is deeper than topsoil.
3. **Fertile soil** is soil in which plants grow well.
4. **Soil erosion** is loss of soil by water and wind.

Comprehension Check

I. Yes—No: Write yes or no on the lines.

1. All fields are alike. _____
2. The subsoil is dark and rich in minerals. _____
3. Gullies begin to form when the soil washes away. _____

II. Fill-In: Write the correct words on the lines.

1. The _____ is the top layer of soil. It is usually dark and rich in minerals.
2. If plants grow well in soil, we say the soil is _____.
3. Sometimes the farmer helps the soil by putting _____ on the fields. This returns to the soil the minerals that the plants took out.
4. _____ is the loss of soil by wind or water.
5. The farmer uses fertilizer and keeps his fields _____ to keep the soil from washing away.