Science

Rocks

Investigating Soil Permeability

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Rocks Quiz



How many different types of rock are there?

A 4 ✗

B 3 ✓

C 5 ✗

Reveal answer

Rocks Quiz



Which of the following is not a type of rock?

A	Chalk	✓
B	Igneous	✗
C	Metamorphic	✗

Reveal answer

Rocks Quiz



What is the name of rock that is formed from lava or magma?

A	Metamorphic rock	✗
B	Igneous rock	✓
C	Sedimentary rock	✗

Reveal answer

Rocks Quiz



What type of rock is created on the seabed?

A	Metamorphic rock	✗
B	Igneous rock	✗
C	Sedimentary rock	✓

Reveal answer

Rocks Quiz



What type of rock is granite?

A	Metamorphic rock	✗
B	Igneous rock	✓
C	Sedimentary rock	✗

Reveal answer

Rocks Quiz



Which of the following statements is true?

A	Metamorphic rock is formed from sedimentary rock.	✗
B	Metamorphic rock is formed from igneous rock.	✗
C	Metamorphic rock can be formed from both igneous and sedimentary rock.	✓

Reveal answer

Rocks Quiz



What is permeability?

A	How hard-wearing the rock is.	✗
B	How easily the rock splits.	✗
C	Whether water can pass through the rock.	✓

Reveal answer

Rocks Quiz



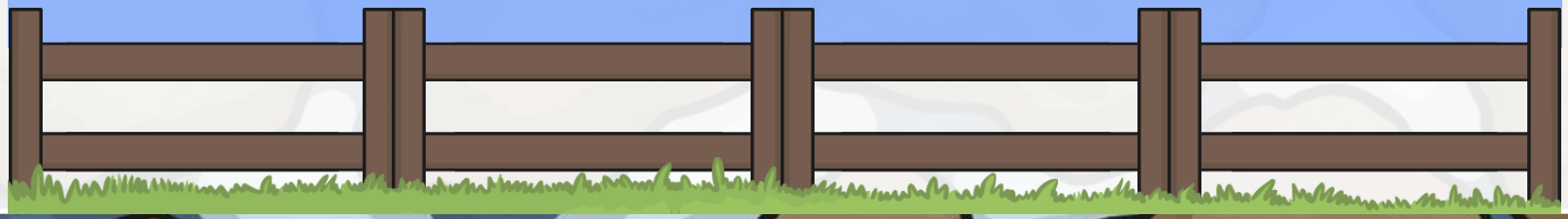
What part do rocks play in forming soil?

How many types of soil do you think there are and why?

Correct Answer: There are hundreds of different types of soil, however there are 6 main types of soil that you will focus on in this lesson.

Why do you think there are hundreds of different types of soil?

Why might soil contain some types of rocks more than others?



Soil Permeability

Just like rocks, soils differ in terms of how permeable they are.

Why does it matter?
We grow much of our food in soil, including vegetables, fruit, wheat and rice. The permeability of soils affects which plants will grow and how well they grow in the particular soil.

Remember impermeable does not mean that no water will flow through just very little and very slowly.

The permeability of soils is rated as:
Rapid (water flows through very quickly) **Permeable**
Moderate (water flows through slowly) **Semi-permeable**
Slow (Very little water flows through even after a long period of time) **Impermeable.**

Making Careful Observations

In this investigation it is important that you make **careful observations.**

Seeing, looking and glancing are not the same as observing!



Scientists have to train themselves to observe carefully to know and understand what they are observing.



Observation Checklist:



- Focus your attention to what you are trying to find out in your investigation (in this case the permeability of soil).
- Make sure you have a clear view of what you are observing.
- Avoid taking your attention away as you may miss something important happening. This would mean that what you think has happened and what actually happened is different.

Testing Permeability



Question: What is the permeability of different types of soils?

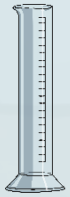
Prediction: I predict that _____ soil will be the most permeable and _____ soil will be the least permeable. I think this because

_____

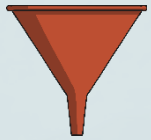
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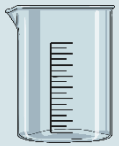
Samples of soil



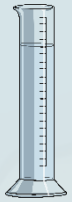
Measuring cylinder



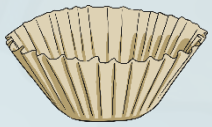
Funnels



Beakers



Water

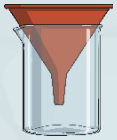


Coffee filter papers
(use a different one for each type of soil)

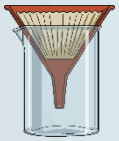
Testing Permeability



Method:



1. Place the funnel in the beaker.

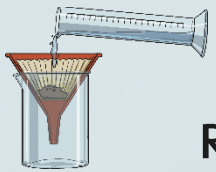


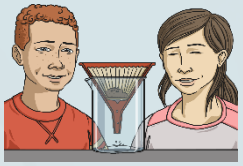
2. Insert a coffee filter into the funnel.



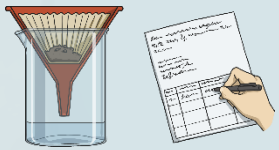
3. Add the soil sample to the lined funnel.

4. 4. Pour 300 ml of water into the soil.





5. Observe the water filtering through.



6. After 5 minutes check how much water has collected in the beaker and record this on your **Soil Permeability Activity Sheet.**

Repeat the instructions with each soil sample you are testing.

Oral Presentation



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Presentation

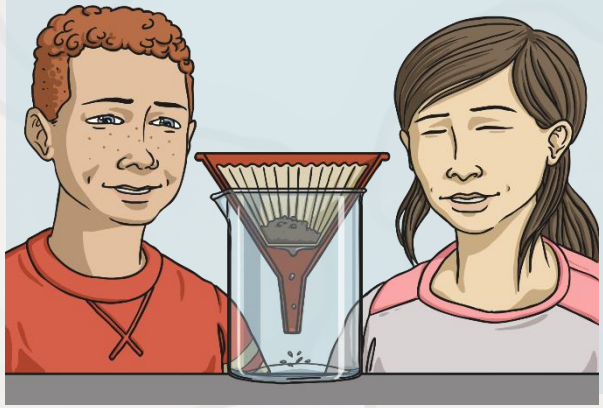
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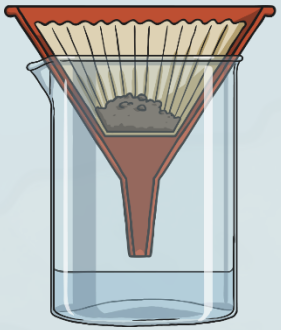
Were the findings similar or different?

Why do you think that might be?

How can we know which results are accurate?

What conclusions can you draw about the permeability of different types of soil?







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