

**Soil:**

The loose material covering much of the Earth surface is called soil. Soil is a complex mixture of minerals, water, air, organic matter and countless organisms that are the decaying remains of once-living things.



**Importance of soil:**

- Plants and animals use soil as their habitat.
- Plants get nutrient from soil.
- Animals can grow their food on soil. They eat plants to get energy.
- People use soil in their life in different ways like making buildings and crafts etc.

**Uses of soil:**

➤ **Agriculture:**



- Soil is used for growing plants

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- It provides necessary water and nutrients for plants.
- **Buildings:**



- People make houses and buildings on soil.
- Soil can be used for making buildings materials such as bricks or concrete.
- **Arts and crafts:**



- It can be used for making pottery that can create kitchen goods such as pots, vases, bowls etc.
- It is also used for making artwork for interior decoration and for exhibition.
- **Landfills:**



- Soil is used for filling up the uneven lands.
- It is also used to bury garbage.

## Exercise:

**1. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:**

- a) Soil is the \_\_\_\_\_ material that covers much of Earth's surface.
- b) A lot of garbage that people throw away goes to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) People use soil for growing \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) Soil is used to bury \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Write the answer of the following questions in short:**

- 1) Who use soil as the habitat?
- 2) Why do animals eat plants?
- 3) What does soil provide for plant?
- 4) What do you understand by landfill?

**3. Write the answer of the following broad questions:**

- a) Why is soil important to living things?
- b) Explain the uses of soil in human life.

## Answer sheet:

\*\*\* Students should read the book first.

1.

- a) Loose
- b) Landfill
- c) Plants
- d) Trash

2.

- a) Plants and animals use soil as their habitat.
- b) Animals eat plants to get energy.
- c) Soil provides necessary water and nutrients for plants.
- d) Landfills are areas where garbage is placed in the land.

3.

a) Importance of soil:

- Plants and animals use soil as their habitat.
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b) There are different uses of soil. Some of them are given below:

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\*\*\*Share to your afternoon teacher what you have learned from today's lecture.