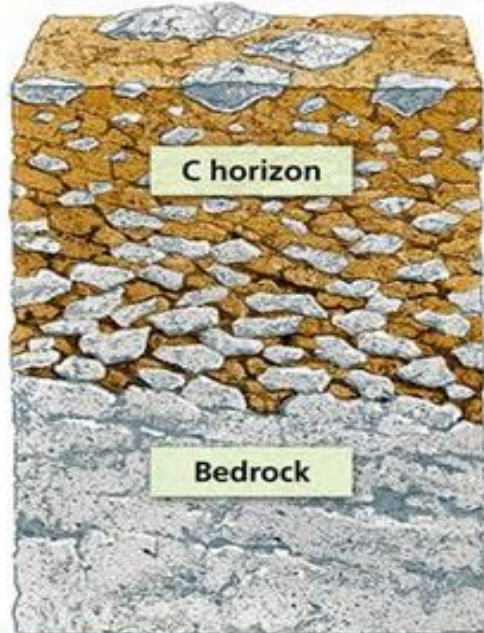


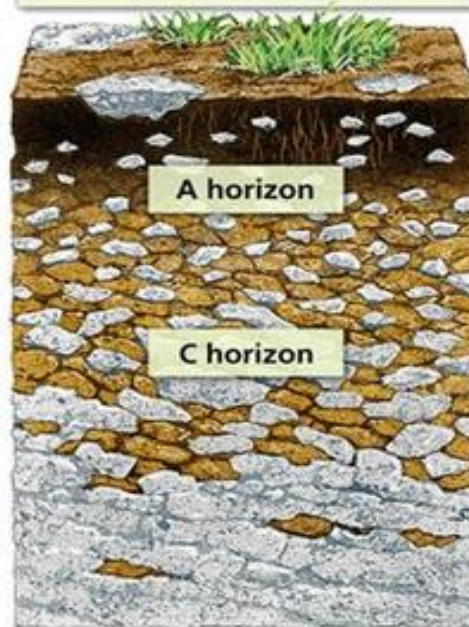
The Process of Soil Formation

Soil forms as rock is broken down by weathering and mixes with other materials on the surface. Soil is constantly being formed wherever bedrock is exposed.

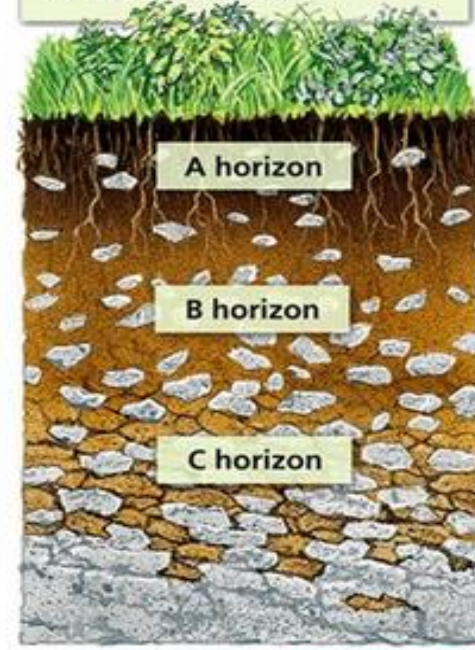
1 The C horizon forms as bedrock weathers and rock breaks up into soil particles.



2 The A horizon develops as plants add organic material to the soil and plant roots weather pieces of rock.



3 The B horizon develops as rainwater washes clay and minerals from the A horizon to the B horizon.



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