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Topic: Soil, Sand, and Dust

Questions:

1. What is soil?

2. What is sand?

3. What is dust?

4. Select words from the list below to complete the following sentences. Write your answers in the spaces.

decay rain roots soil wind waves

When plants and animals die, their bodies _____ and fall apart. _____ washes them into the ground, to mix with the rest of the _____. _____ blowing against rock wears off tiny bits of it. _____ falling on rock, and _____ smashing against it; also break off bits. The _____ of plants dig into rock and split it into small pieces.

Science Worksheet

Answers:

1. Soil is tiny bits of rock mixed with tiny bits of dead plants and animals.
2. Sand is tiny bits of rock. Wind, water and the roots of plants all help to make sand.
3. Dust is made up of tiny, tiny bits of sand, soil, animal hairs, bits of plants, and other things carried into the air by the wind.
4. When plants and animals die, their bodies decay and fall apart. Rain washes them into the ground, to mix with the rest of the soil. Wind blowing against rock wears off tiny bits of it. Rain falling on rock, and waves smashing against it; also break off bits. The roots of plants dig into rock and split it into small pieces.