Soil Loose rock material that covers much of Earth's surface It is a natural resource. The most important thing about soil is that plants grow in it.	Natural Resource Any useful material that comes from nature Natural resources include things like plants and trees, animals, and water.	Gully A miniature river valley that forms in soil Gullies get bigger and deeper each time it rains. People can build dams to stop gullies from forming or getting larger.
Topsoil The top layer of the soil It is a mixture of weathered rock and humus. Humus is decayed plant and animal matter that helps plants grow.	Subsoil The layer of soil under the topsoil It is yellow or red in color, and made of clay particles.	Weathered Rock (soil layer) The layer of soil below the subsoil Made of partly weathered rock

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- It is important to conserve natural resources so that we can use them in the future.

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Contour Plowing

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- Lets plants get enough water
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- Often used with Strip Cropping

Strip Cropping Planting a crop that grows quickly in rows between other crops Lets plants get enough water Slows erosion Often used with Contour Plowing	Dam Building Dams help slow the formation of gullies.	Terracing Building step-like ridges in the side of a hill Slows soil erosion Allows water to sink in to plant roots	Crust The thinnest and outermost layer of Earth Made mostly of rock Thickest parts are the continents Thinnest parts are the ocean floors
Rock Solid material made of one ore more minerals Examples: granite, sandstone	Mineral A natural solid that has a definite chemical makeup, which means it is made of specific things Minerals have certain properties: hardness, luster/shine, and crystal shape are some properties of minerals.	Ore A rock mined for the minerals it has in it Examples: Iron ore and gold ore	Renewable Resource A natural resources that can be replaced after we use it Plants and animals are renewable resources.

Nonrenewable Resource A natural resource that cannot be replaced after we use it Fossil fuels (coal, oil) and minerals are nonrenewable resources.	Fossil Fuels • Fuels made from the remains of plants and animals that died millions of years ago • Coal, oil, and natural gas are fossil fuels. • Fossil fuels are nonrenewable resources.	Igneous Rock Rock formed from melted rock, called magma Granite and obsidian are examples of Igneous rock	Sedimentary Rock Rock formed from layers of sediment that have built up over a long time. Sandstone and limestone are examples of Sedimentary rock.
Metamorphic Rock Rock that has changed from Igneous or Sedimentary rock Metamorphic means "changed."			