

# humus



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**The organic matter left behind after plants decay which makes soil fertile.**

# Weathering



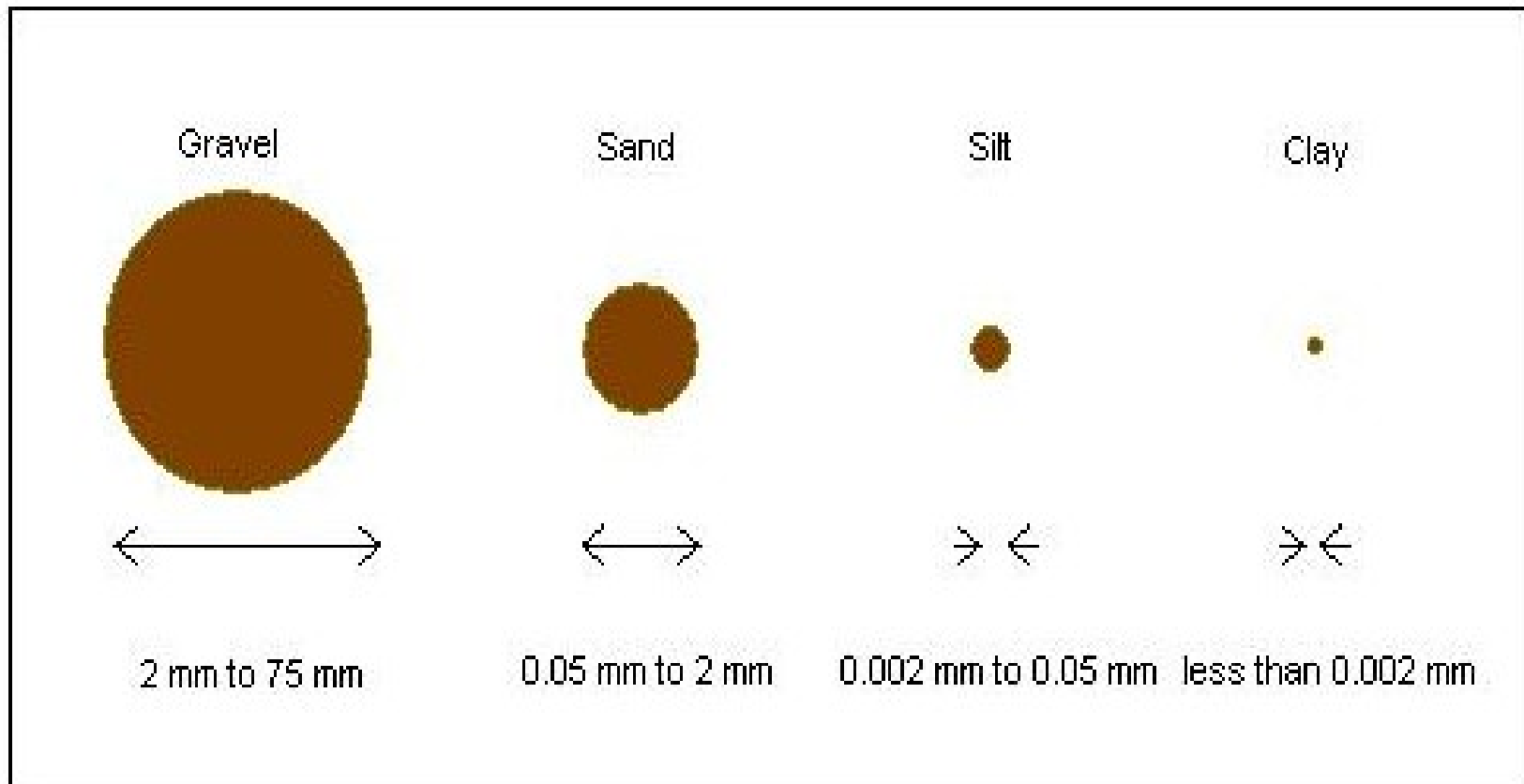
**The breaking  
down and wearing  
away of rock by  
wind, water,  
and ice.**

# Erosion



**The movement of  
weathered  
particles by wind,  
water, and ice.**

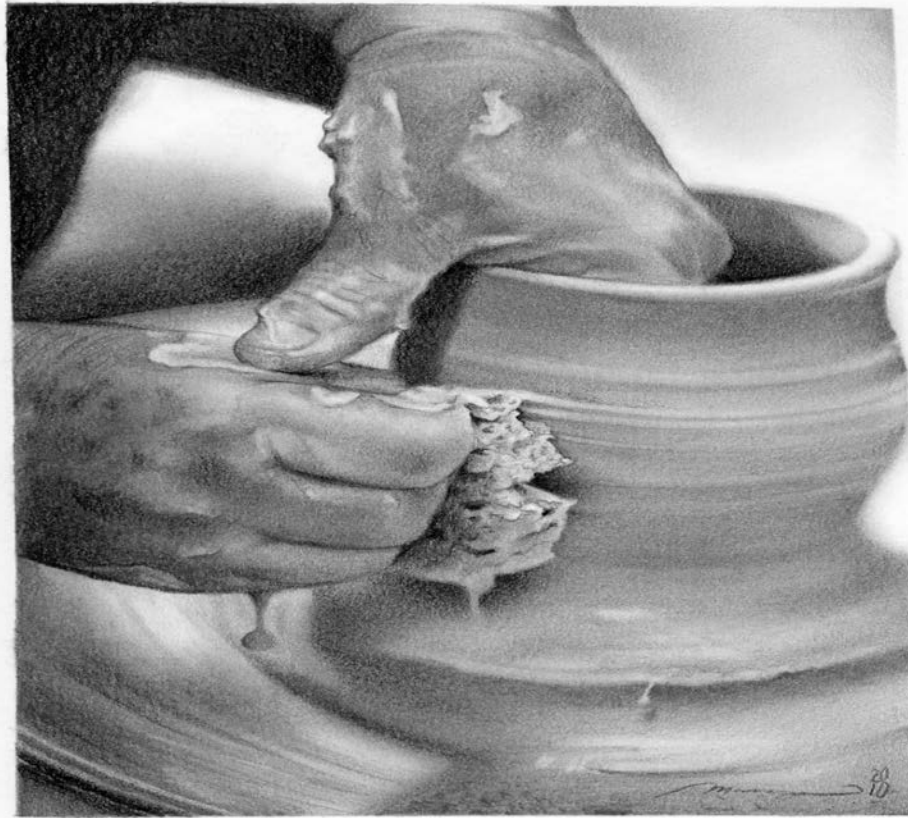
# Particle



The pieces  
that make  
up soil.



# Texture



**The structure, feel  
and appearance of  
something.**

# Physical Properties



Any observable  
attribute of soil such  
as color, texture,  
and particle size.