

Factors That Affect Soils

The properties of soils depend on:

- climate
- ecosystem
- bedrock
- steepness of the land
- time

Steep slopes erode quickly. They often have thin soils. Thin soils are not good for growing crops. Thicker soils can build up on flat lands.

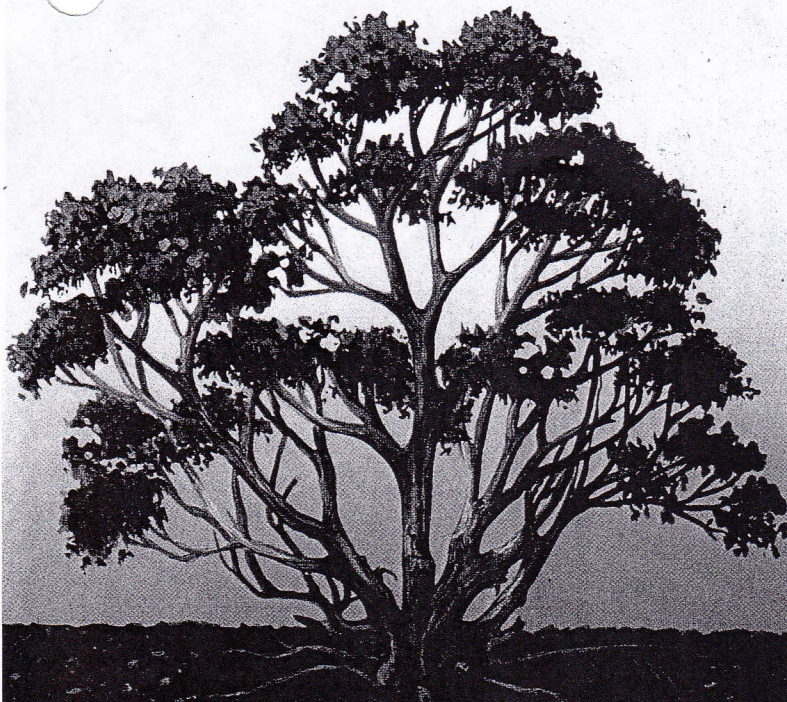
Water, wind, and ice can move soil. Minerals in moved soil may be very different from those in the bedrock.

✓ Quick Check

Write the meaning of each term.

9. pore spaces _____

10. permeability _____



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