

Soil colours – Student Activity

There are many different soils across Western Australia. Their characteristics depend on:

- The differing **chemical composition of rocks** from which their mineral fragments came.
- Their **history of erosion and deposition** (what has been removed and what has been added).
- The **climate** when the rocks were originally weathered and under which the soils remain.
- The **activities of the living things** that are in them and around them.

Materials per student

- Three different coloured soil specimens. (Specimens A, B and C)
- Three pieces of transparent sticky tape about 7cm long

Method

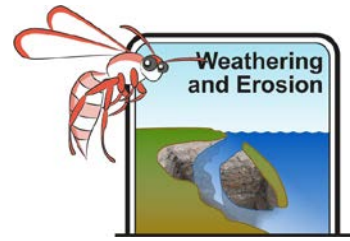
1. Enter the source location of the soil and describe its colour.
2. Take a length of sticky tape and press it into each soil sample leaving the ends untouched.
3. Place the tape in the worksheet provided pressing down on the ends to hold it in place.
4. Repeat for the other samples.

Specimen A

Description _____

Specimen B

Description _____



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Specimen C

Description _____
