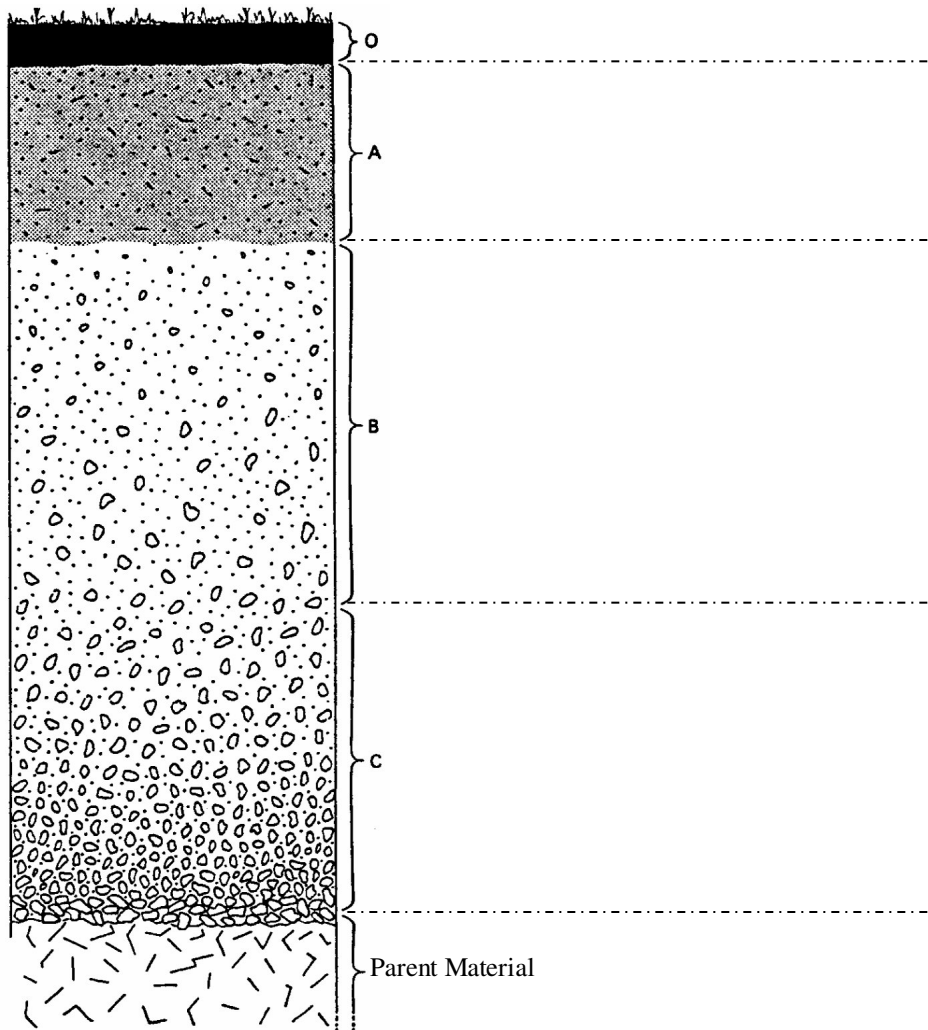
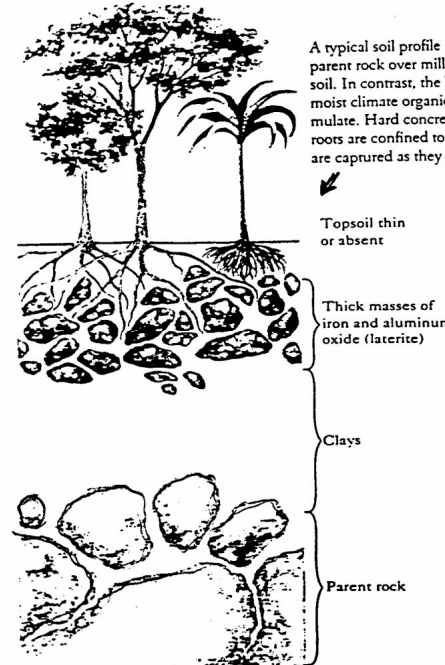
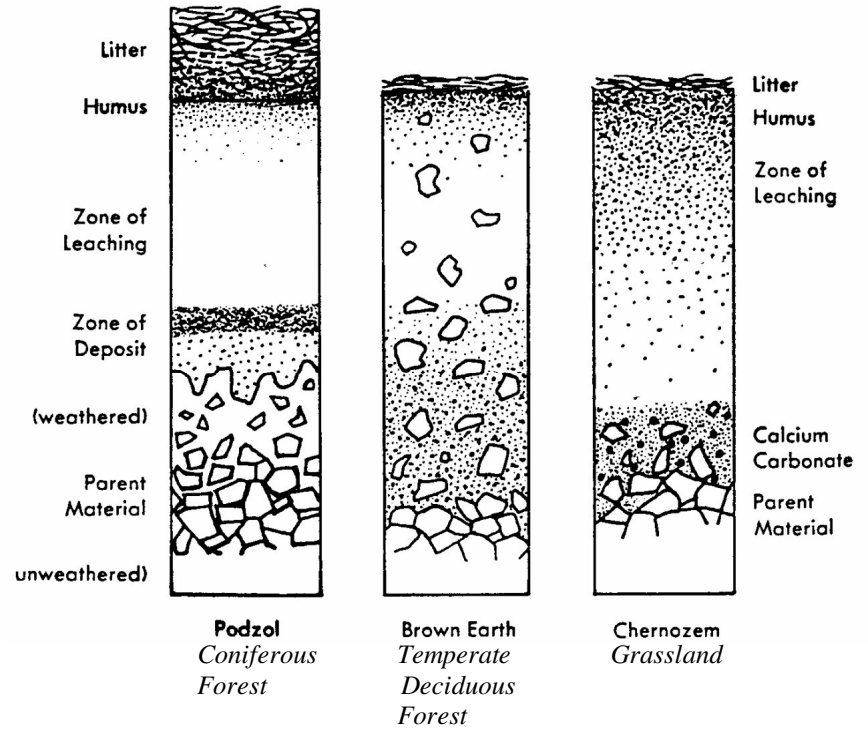


GENERALIZED SOIL PROFILE



SOME MAJOR SOIL CATEGORIES



A typical soil profile in the humid tropics. Weathering of the parent rock over millions of years has produced a deep bed of soil. In contrast, the layer of topsoil is thin because in the warm, moist climate organic matter decomposes too rapidly to accumulate. Hard concretions often form below the surface. Tree roots are confined to the superficial layers from which nutrients are captured as they percolate downward.

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Tropical Rain Forest