Horticulture Level 3   
Module 4 – Soil: Composition and Properties

Glossary of terms  
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| **Absorption** |  |
| Acidic |  |
| Adsorption |  |
| Alkaline (or alkali, base, or basic) |  |
| Anaerobic decomposition |  |
| Capillary action |  |
| Cations |  |
| Friable |  |
| Gleying |  |
| Hydrophobicity |  |
| Infiltration |  |
| Loam |  |
| Mottling |  |
| Mycelium |  |
| Nitrogen fixation |  |
| Peds |  |
| Percolation |  |
| Permeable |  |
| pH |  |
| Plant available |  |
| Soil food web |  |
| Soil horizon |  |
| Soil horizon notation |  |
| Soil order |  |
| Soil structure class |  |
| Soil structure grade |  |
| Soil structure type (or kind, or shape) |  |
| Structureless |  |