



# Soil Search

Read below about how plants help the land. Dig for and circle each underlined word in the Soil Search grid. (Hint: They're hidden backwards, forwards, up and down)

Plants' roots anchor the soil and help to stop it from blowing away. The plants also build up a layer of humus (not a tasty food, this humus is decayed plant matter) which makes the soil richer. Plants can even reclaim land ruined by pollution. Certain kinds of plants can live in polluted soil, and those plants build up the soil so that other plants can grow.

P O N K Y F D M G  
N O A W H X Z H H  
I J L P U U I P V  
S O I L M Y U A S  
H N O A U M Y N F  
A F N N S T L C E  
S Z R T C A I H I  
B T K V B G R O W  
J M I A L C E R N

For more games, puzzles, crafts,  
recipes and stories, log on to

**YourPage**.org

All materials ©2001. May be reproduced for classroom use, but may not be reproduced for any other purpose without written permission of Yourpage.org