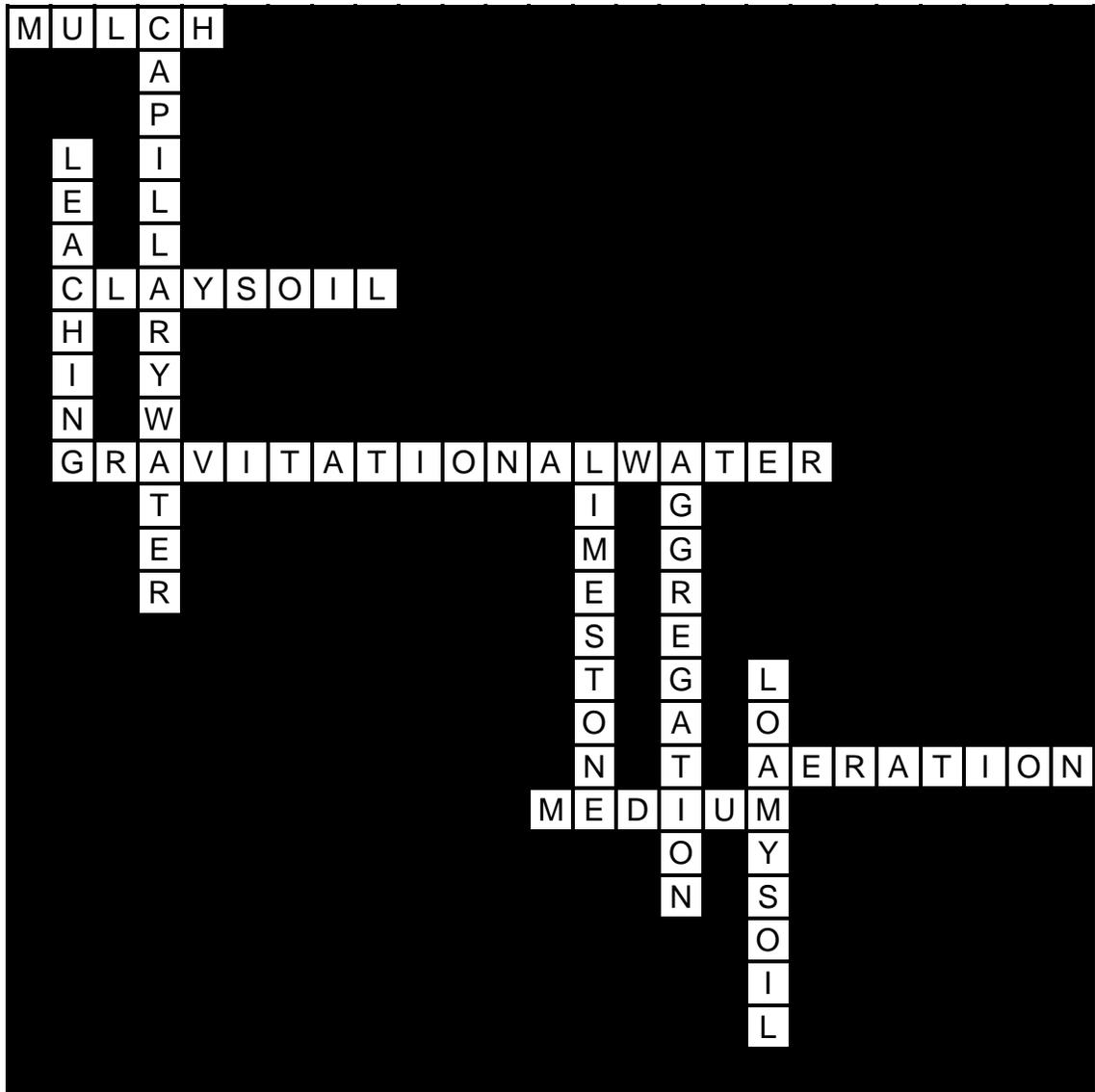


Answer Key



Across

- 1 product placed on the soil surface to help retain soil moisture
- 4 soil that must be at least 30 percent clay and holds moisture and plant food well
- 5 water the soil cannot hold against the force of gravity
- 9 exposing soil to air flow
- 10 soil or soil substitute in which plants grow

Down

- 2 water that is held against the force of gravity in the pore spaces of the soil
- 3 process of nutrients washing out of the soil
- 6 type of rock that raises the pH levels in the soil
- 7 collections or clumping of soil particles
- 8 the most balanced soil containing nearly equal parts of clay, silt, and sand