

Reading Tip

As you read, check the predictions you made to see if they were correct.

Target Your Reading

Use this to focus on the main ideas as you read the chapter.

- 1 Before you read** the chapter, respond to the statements below on your worksheet or on a numbered sheet of paper.
 - Write an **A** if you **agree** with the statement.
 - Write a **D** if you **disagree** with the statement.
- 2 After you read** the chapter, look back to this page to see if you've changed your mind about any of the statements.
 - If any of your answers changed, explain why.
 - Change any false statements into true statements.
 - Use your revised statements as a study guide.

Before You Read A or D	Statement	After You Read A or D
	1 Weathering breaks rocks into smaller and smaller pieces, such as sand, silt, or clay.	
	2 Exposure to atmospheric water and gases causes rocks to change chemically.	
	3 Soil is a mixture of weathered rock, decayed organic matter, mineral fragments, water, and air.	
	4 Because of weathering, new soil is usually produced rapidly in all regions on Earth.	
	5 The different layers of soil are called horizons.	
	6 Climate does not affect the type of soil produced in Earth's different regions.	
	7 Most plants grow well when topsoil erodes.	
	8 In tropical, deforested areas, soil is useful to farmers for only a few years before the topsoil is gone.	
	9 Contour farming is a practice of planting crops in large, circular mounds.	