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Earthworms are long, wiggly animals that like to live in soil.



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Earthworms breathe through their skin – they don't have lungs.



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Worms don't have any legs! Instead they move by wriggling along. Their long bodies are covered with tiny hairs that help them to move.



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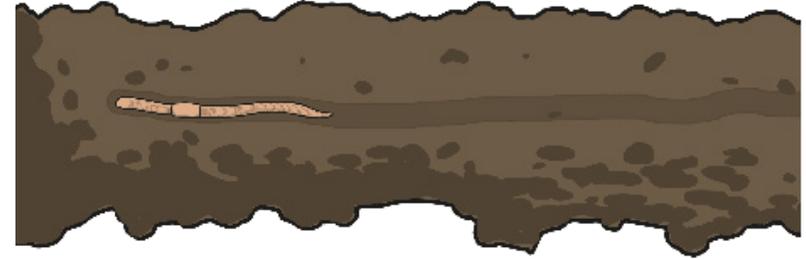
Earthworms need to stay moist. In sunny hot weather they go deep underground where it is cooler and damp. You can sometimes see worms on the ground when it has been raining, as the soil gets too wet for the worms to breathe.



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Earthworms dig tunnels under the soil. This helps move the soil around and also helps plants to grow.



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Earthworms like to eat soil and dead leaves and plants. They also eat old food scraps, like fruit and vegetable peels.



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Some people keep earthworms as pets in a wormery. A wormery is a worm house! Food for the worms can be placed into the wormery and the worms will help to make the soil and food scraps into compost.



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Wormeries can be made with different layers of food for the worms. If the walls of the wormery are clear you can see the worms moving around! Wormeries should be kept cool, dark and moist, as these are the conditions worms like best.

