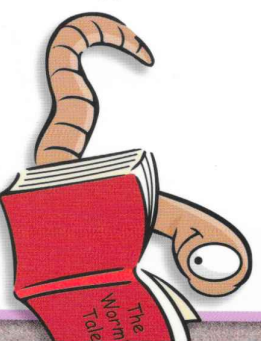


# All about worms

AMAZING!

If a worm is cut in half, the head end can still live. It just grows a new tail end!



talk time

- Why do you think worms can twist into many shapes?
- If all the worms in the world suddenly disappeared, what would happen?
- How do you think we can know whether animals like worms have feelings?
- What do worms eat?
- How do worms move?
- How does a worm help plants to grow?



## What are their bodies like?

Worms have long, soft bodies. They have a head end and a tail end. They do not have eyes or legs. They use their muscles and hairs on their skin to help them move.

## Where do they live?

Worms live underground. They make tunnels to move about. They do not like light. If worms are dug up, they go back into the ground at once.

## What do they eat?

Worms eat dead leaves and soil. Some worms put their heads out of the soil at night. They pull leaves down to eat. The soil passes through their body. It makes wiggly lines called 'casts'.



Worm cast

## Who eats worms?

Moles eat about 50 worms a day. Birds feed on worms too. They try to pull them out of the ground, but it is hard. Worms grip the sides of their tunnel with the hairs on their skin.

## Why do we need worms?

Some people do not like worms, but we need them. Air and water come down their tunnels. The air and water feed plants and help them to grow. We need plants to eat, so we need worms.