

All About Earthworms

Name: _____

There are four main types of earthworm...

Surface dwellers: mix organic matter into the soil.

Topsoil dwellers: burrow through the soil, eating and excreting it.

Subsoil dwellers: live in burrows as deep as three metres below the surface.

Compost dwellers: live in composting areas.

FACTS:

- Worms are tireless tillers of our soils and their excretions are the richest and best of all fertilizers.
- Earthworms need moist soil to survive.
- Worms are hermaphroditic, meaning that they possess both male and female sex organs.
- Worms do not have lungs, and breathe through the skin.
- Worms feed on decaying plants and other small organisms.
- Earthworms do not have hearts but have an organ that carries out the functions of the heart, and it is known as the aortic arch.
- Earthworms don't have eyes but are still able to sense light by their anterior.
- A worm will die if its skin becomes dry.

