

Earthworm

I held a worm
Wiggly and pink
I held it too
But it was blue
I think.

I saw a worm
Short and fat
You saw it wrong
It was thin and long
That's that.

I spoke to a worm
But it didn't speak to me
That was dumb
You spoke to its bum
Tee hee!

Earthworm (wirm)

Favourite Food

Worms eat leftovers, like bits of rotten leaves and rotted manure. Earth is also passed through their bodies as they burrow.

Getting About

Worms make tunnels in the earth. They grip the sides of the tunnel using their bristles and then stretch out, long & thin, or squeeze up, short and fat. In dry weather they burrow deep and on damp nights they come to the surface.

Good For The Garden

Worms make good soil by recycling leftovers from other animals and plants, and by burrowing. Their burrows open up the soil, so that water can drain away and soil animals can breathe.



Try This



Find an earth worm and place it gently on freshly dug earth. Get down close to it and watch it disappear.



See if you can find worm casts on a lawn – tiny coils of earth.



Jump up and down on the lawn with your friends. Do worms appear? Earthworms feel vibrations in the ground and move up and out.

