

# - Earthworms are - Nature's Recyclers

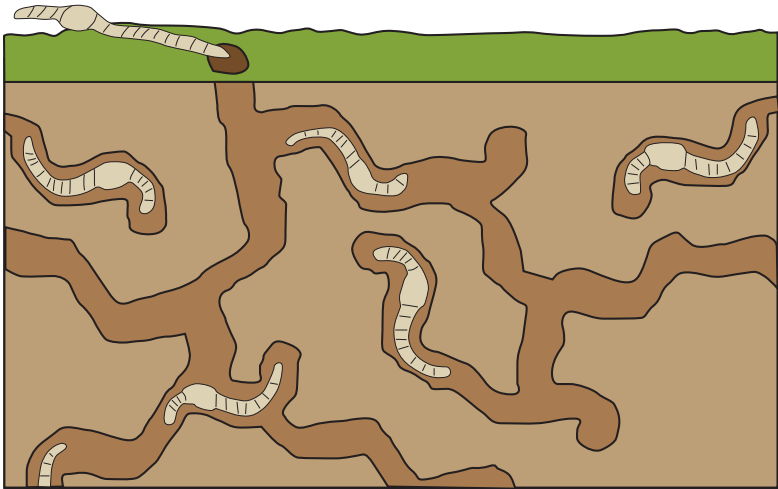


Earthworms live in the soil.



Earthworms live in  
tunnels.

They live under leaves.





The tunnels get air and water to the plants.

The tunnels help the plants to grow.



Earthworms eat a lot!

They eat dirt.

They eat paper.

Earthworms eat leaves.

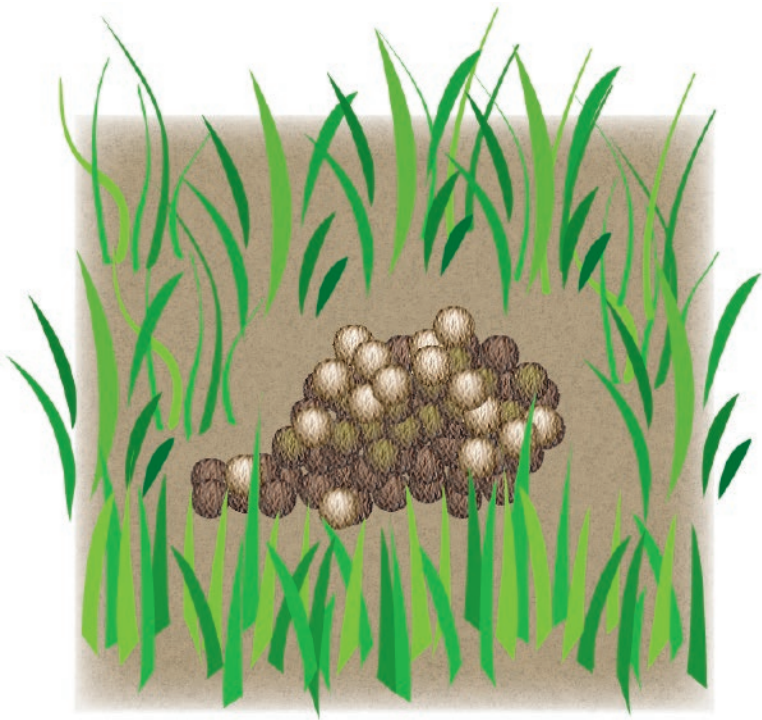
Earthworms eat food  
waste.

This is called **compost**.



Worm waste is called  
**worm castings.**

It is good for growing  
plants.



Earthworms **recycle**  
dead plants.

They turn them back  
into soil.


I can't picture a world  
without earthworms.

Can you?



**Earthworms**  
Earthworms are Nature's Recyclers

**Correlation**

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