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# Main Details: Earthworms

**Directions:** Read the passage below about earthworms. What is the main topic of the text? Write some details about the topic. Ask *who, what, where, when, how, why?*

Earthworms are animals found in soil. They have no legs or backbones, and are called invertebrates. Their bodies are soft and can be brown, pink, or even red. Earthworms have a brain and 5 hearts. They do not have lungs. Earthworms eat soil and plant matter as they burrow down into the soil. These tunnels let water and air find ways into the earth to get to the roots of plants. The soil that the earthworms eat passes through their bodies and is left in little piles on the ground. Farmers like to use these *castings* as fertilizer for their gardens. Earthworms help make the soil healthy.



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