

Lesson: Do worms really eat dirt?

carbon dioxide	a type of gas that plants sometimes take in and that animals release when they breathe
castings	worm waste (worm poop)
claim	to say or write an idea
control	something in an experiment that you do not change
decomposer	a living thing that can break down dead living things
evidence	information that can be used to support or reject an idea
experiment	a test used to discover new information about a question
fair test	an experiment where only one variable is changed, and everything else stays the same
fertilizer	a material that contains nutrients to help plants grow
nutrient	a substance that living things need to grow and stay healthy
observe	to pay close attention to something
organism	any living thing
soil	covers the Earth's surface; made of tiny rocks and material from dead plants and animals
system	a group of things that affect each other and function as a whole
variable	something that you can change in an experiment in order to test an idea