

## Lesson: Do worms really eat dirt?

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