Vocabulary

mystery science

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
decomposer	a living thing that can break down dead plants, dead animals, or animal waste
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 everything is kept exactly the same in each setup, except for one thing
fertilizer	a material that contains nutrients to help plants grow
nutrient (micronutrient)	a substance that living things need to grow and stay healthy
observe	to pay close attention to something
organism	any living thing
soil	found on the Earth's surface; made of tiny rocks and material from dead plants and animals
variable	something that you can change in an experiment in order to test an idea