

Lesson: Do worms really eat dirt?

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| 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 |