

ABOUT THE COMMON EARTHWORM

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LUMBRICUS TERRESTRIS:

INVERTEBRATE, HERBIVORE,
LIFE SPAN UP TO 6 YEARS

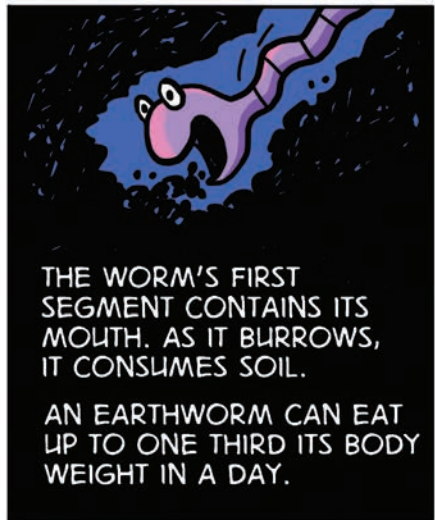


EARTHWORMS' BODIES ARE MADE UP OF RING-LIKE SEGMENTS CALLED ANNULI THAT ARE COVERED IN SETAE, OR SMALL BRISTLES, WHICH THE WORM USES TO MOVE AND BURROW.

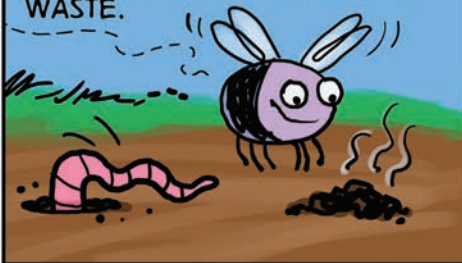


THE WORM'S FIRST SEGMENT CONTAINS ITS MOUTH. AS IT BURROWS, IT CONSUMES SOIL.

AN EARTHWORM CAN EAT UP TO ONE THIRD ITS BODY WEIGHT IN A DAY.



EARTHWORMS ARE VITAL TO SOIL HEALTH BECAUSE THEY TRANSPORT NUTRIENTS AND MINERALS FROM BELOW TO THE SURFACE VIA THEIR WASTE.



EARTHWORMS ARE ALSO A SOURCE OF FOOD FOR NUMEROUS ANIMALS, LIKE BIRDS, RATS, AND TOADS!

