

# Worms

There are many different types of legless creatures we all know as worms, not just the ones we see in our garden. The worms that we find in our garden are called earthworms and there are over 3,000 different kinds. The picture on the right is of a common earthworm.



## Quick facts

Type: Invertebrate

Size: Up to 35 cm

Diet: Herbivore



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infected if it eats a mouse that has eaten a plant which has tapeworm eggs attached to it.

The eggs hatch into larvae inside the mouse, then become tapeworm once they are inside the cat.

Some tapeworms can be up to 9 m long and their bodies grow in segments, starting at the head, in a long widening ribbon.

### Pond worms

A pond can contain many types of worms, including blood worms and leeches. Leeches have 33 body segments. They suck the blood of other animals, including fish and small mammals. It swims by flapping its body which has a sucker at each end.

Blood worms bury their heads in the mud to take in the nutrients they need to live and wave the rest of their bodies in the water to get oxygen.

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Read the information sheet about worms on the previous page and then answer the questions.

- a) How many different kinds of earthworms are there? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What is an invertebrate? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Can you name three other invertebrates?  
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- e) How do worms help the soil?  
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- f) Where do tapeworms live?  
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- g) What length can an earthworm grow to? \_\_\_\_\_
- h) Unscramble this word? e c h e l e s \_\_\_\_\_
- i) How many body segments does a leech have? \_\_\_\_\_
- j) How do blood worms get the nutrients they need?  
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