

Year 4 English Test 3

Name:

Reading Comprehension (5 marks)

Earthworms

Earthworms live in dark, damp soil. They have no arms, no legs and no eyes!

Earthworms make the soil healthy. They eat rotting plants and dirt. This food passes through the worms' bodies, adding extra goodness to the soil.

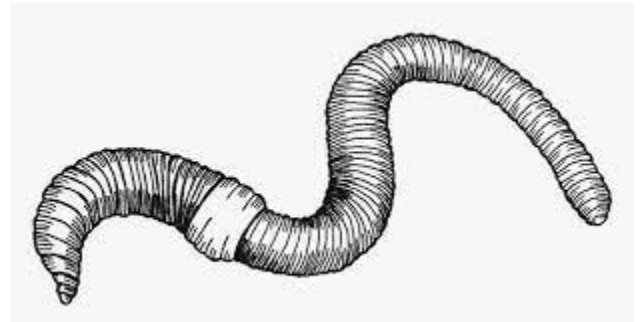
Earthworms have stiff hairs on their bodies. They use these hairs to grip the dirt and to wriggle their way through the ground. Their wriggling makes tunnels in the ground. The tunnels add air to the soil. The air helps the roots of plants to grow.

Many animals eat earthworms. Snakes, birds and frogs all eat them. They are even eaten by people in some countries. Many people say that earthworms are the most important animals in the world.

Questions

Tick the correct answer.

1. Earthworms like soil that is
 - hot and wet.
 - cool and crunchy.
 - dark and damp. ←
 - light and airy.



2. Earthworms have

- no arms, legs or eyes. ←
- arms, legs and eyes.
- arms and legs only.
- no arms or legs, but they do have eyes.

3. Which animals eat earthworms?

- silkworms
- slaters
- snakes ←
- bees

4. Earthworms use the hairs on their bodies to

- eat.
- move. ←
- grow.
- breathe.

5. Why are earthworms important?

- They are tasty to eat.
- They make the soil healthy. ←
- They live in dark, damp places.
- They have stiff hair.

Language Usage

(30 marks)

1. Write a conjunction (joining word) – *and* / *but* - to complete the sentence.

- a) I can run fast *but* I'm not very good in races.
- b) In summer the weather is hotter *and* there is more rain.
- c) Cats don't like water *but* they can swim. (3 marks)

2. Choose the correct pronouns from the box to add to the sentences below.

(3 marks)

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- a) We visited lots of beaches on *our* holiday.
- b) My neighbours have built a treehouse in *their* garden.
- c) When Tom has finished *his* lunch, he is going to help Annie.

3. Write (A) for adjective, (N) for noun, or (V) for verb in these sentences:

(5 marks)

Keeping safe during the school holidays (N) is very important. If you cannot swim do not go into deep (A) water and don't forget to watch (V) out for little (A) children who cannot swim (V).

4. Insert commas to complete the sentences below.

(2 marks)

- a) At the edge of the pond, a duckling was looking for its mother.
- b) Just before dark, the owls come out.

5. Circle the words that should have apostrophes in the sentence below.

(3 marks)

- a) Im not sure how to use this computer and I cant find anyone to help me.
- b) Its not good for a dog to lose its bone.

6. Insert two commas into the sentence below. (2 marks)

Dogs need to have two meals, a bowl of clean water, someone to look after them and a comfortable place to sleep each day.

7. Write the punctuation marks in these sentences: (4 marks)

a) "Hello," said David. "Would you like to come over and play?"

b) "How long will it be before we get there?" asked Katy. "Not long now," replied Dad.

8. Circle the prepositions in these sentences: (3 marks)

a) We will have dinner after the game.

b) We saw frogs in the pond.

c) The baby elephant stayed with its mother.

9. Write these words in alphabetical order: (5 marks)

carrot cabbage cauliflower cactus coconut
cabbage, cactus, carrot, cauliflower, coconut

