

WORM FACTS

What worms eat

They make good compost from:

Banana skins Apple cores Card Mango and Melon skins Bran
Shell Paper Leaves and lots more.

Special worm compost is called wormcast.

They don't like to eat:

Orange peel Lemon peel Lime peel Onion skins



Where worms live

In the wild, worms live near the surface of the soil.

We keep them in wormeries.

We keep the wormery cool and damp. Worms like this.

A sump at the bottom catches liquid from the worm food.

A basket sits on top of the sump.

We give worms bedding made from coir. This is the hairy fibre on coconut shells.

Worms lay their eggs in this bedding.

We put worm food on top of coir.

We cover the food with a thick layer of damp newspaper.



Growing worms

Worms are hermaphrodite - both male and female.

They start laying eggs when they are 2 or 3 months old.

They lay eggs every 7-10 days.

They have a saddle on their backs.

The saddle becomes an egg.

Baby worms hatch out after 7 days.

Worms can produce 1000 babies in 6 months

Worm eggs are called cocoons.

4 babies normally hatch out.

Now try this quizz - fill in the missing letters

1. Worms make co_ p_ _ t out of banana skins.
2. Another word for a worm egg is co _ c _ _ n.
3. Adult worms have a s_ _ dl_ on their backs.
4. Worms don't like to eat o_a _ g _ s or on_ _ ns.
5. Worms like to be covered by _ a _ _ r.

Turn the page for more quizzes

WORM WORK



Have fun with these quizzes.

They are graded so your teacher will tell you which ones to try.
Good luck! - from ASK Organic and S.B.C. Waste Aware Scottish Borders Campaign.

Underline the right answer

1. Baby worms hatch out of eggs after 7 days / 1 month / 2 months
2. The eggs contain 4 babies / 30 babies / 50 babies
3. Worms normally lay an egg every day / 7-10 days / month
4. Worms could produce 500 / 1000 / 2000 other worms in 6 months
[choose the largest number that's possible]
5. Worms are male / female / hermaphrodite

Counting worms

1. A worm egg has 4 baby worms in it. How many baby worms are there in 5 eggs? _____
2. A worm lays 1 egg every 7 days. How many eggs will it lay in 3 weeks? _____
3. There are 24 baby worms lying on an egg shell. If 4 came from each egg, how many eggs were there to begin with? _____
4. One worm egg has 3 babies, another has 4 babies and a third one has 2 babies. How many baby worms are there altogether? _____
5. There are 12 baby worms on a banana skin. Half of them came from 2 eggs. How many were in each of these eggs? _____



Jumbled Letters

1. What do you find at the bottom of the wormery? [clue- pmus]

2. Where do worms live in the wormery? [clue- bakets]

3. What do worms make out of food rubbish? [clue- caworstm]

4. What do adult worms lay every week or so? [clue- consooc]

5. What do adult worms have on their backs? [clue- dealds]
