



Observe!

How do worms behave in nature?

Objective: Observe worms in their natural environment and learn how they move and react to light and vibrations.

Materials needed:

- Magnifying glass
- Flashlight, if observing at night

For this activity, you will need to find some worms in the wild! Luckily, worms are common in healthy gardens and grass fields. Worms are more easily found at the surface after rainy weather.

If you will be moving dirt or stones to uncover worms, make sure to use clean hands or gloves and wash hands with soap and water afterwards.

To find worms, look carefully at the ground's surface. Once you have located a worm, you can observe its behaviour.

Questions:

1. Where is the worm? Is the ground beneath dry or wet?

A: _____

2. How would you describe the way it moves from one place to another? What parts of it move?

A: _____

3. What is its shape? What does the front, middle and end look like? Can you recognize the parts of the worm?

A: _____

4. Notice its skin. What color is the worm? Does it look wet or dry?

A: _____

5. If observing in the dark, shine the flashlight at the worm. What does it do?

A: _____

6. Pick one spot on the ground near the worm. Tap on the ground to create vibrations. How does the worm react?

A: _____
