



Earthworm

Common earthworms are great friends to anyone who grows plants. They “eat” large amounts of soil, digesting the bacteria and organic matter and excreting the remainder in the upper part of their tunnels. This action returns minerals to the surface of the soil which have been washed down by rain. They also pull down rotting leaves (to eat them away from the danger of hungry birds) and this

helps to fertilise the soil. An area of grassland which is the size of a football pitch can contain up to 3 million earthworms! They tunnel down to depths of 1.8m and can live up to 2 years.

Activities

Sit or stand silently for 3 minutes. List the things you can see and hear.

I can see.....	I can hear.....

Can you identify any of the fruit and vegetables which are being grown here? If you can, write them down or draw them.