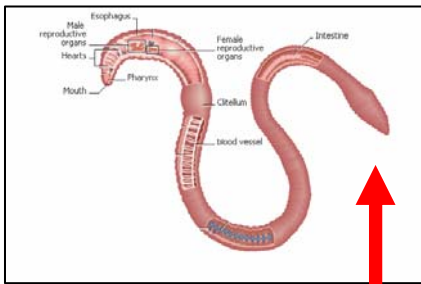


# Earthworms

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- Earthworms range in size from several millimetres up to almost a metre in length!
- There are 28 species of earthworm in the UK



Earthworms eat plant remains and ingest soil organic matter in various stages of decomposition together with microorganisms associated with this material

An earthworm's mouth is at the pointed end. Earthworms do not actually have any eyes, but can sense changes in light with their body



Earthworms create tunnels by burrowing. These tunnels help improve soil structure which in turn helps plant growth by aerating the soil, and drainage of water

**Earthworms are very helpful creatures to have in the soil!**

Did you know...?



Worms fertilize the soil with their castings (poo), which contain the recycled nutrients from the food they eat

