

# Earthworms

## Earthworm facts

- There are over 170 types of native earthworms in New Zealand!
- Worms have long bodies that wriggle
- Worms breathe through their skin and have no legs



## Earthworm classification

Animal

Annelid

Earthworm

- Earthworms are **annelids**. They are in this group because their bodies have 'ring' pieces that fit together, side by side.

ring pieces



## Habitat

- Earthworms live in soil underground. They keep soil healthy by moving the soil and making burrows. This helps water and air move around.

## Diet

- Worms eat tiny bits of food and waste from living things in the soil.