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## The Homes of Worms: Where They Live

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Worms in gardens and forests improve the soil by breaking down organic matter into nutrients and creating tunnels that help water and air reach plant roots.
2. In very dry or cold environments, worms might struggle to find moisture and food, which are essential for their survival.
3. Worms are found on every continent except Antarctica because they adapt to environments that provide food, moisture, and shelter, but Antarctica is too cold and dry for them to survive.
4. Marine worms and earthworms play similar roles by breaking down organic matter and enriching their environments, whether in soil or underwater.

