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The Important Role of Worms in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Worms improve soil health by creating tunnels that allow air and water to reach plant roots and by fertilizing the soil with their castings.
2. Worms eat dead plants and organic matter, breaking it down and producing castings that enrich the soil.
3. Birds and moles are two animals that eat worms.
4. Worms are important for farmers and gardeners because they fertilize the soil and help crops grow better.
5. Without worms burrowing in the soil, plants would struggle to get enough water, air, and nutrients.

