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## How Does a Worm Move?

### Short Answer Key

1. Worms use two sets of muscles—one to make their bodies long and thin and the other to make them short and fat. This wave-like motion pushes them forward.
2. Setae are tiny bristles that grip the soil and prevent worms from slipping as they move.
3. A worm's tunnels allow air and water to reach plant roots, helping the soil stay healthy and plants grow.
4. Aquatic worms move by wriggling their bodies from side to side, which helps them move through water.
5. Worms don't need to move quickly because their slow and steady motion is perfect for burrowing and recycling organic matter.

