



**Life in the earth**

Soil is full of billions of little plants and creatures that live and interact. We call these soil organisms. Did you know there are more organisms in a small handful of soil than there are people on this planet?

Soil organisms come in all sorts of sizes, from tiny fungi to large animals like rabbits and moles. Soil gives food and nutrients to some organisms. Others get their food by eating other organisms in the soil!

Can you find the names of all the soil organisms in the grid below? How quickly can you find them?

B	E	A	T	L	S	L	U	G	Y	B
R	A	B	B	I	T	S	N	A	I	A
X	S	A	E	W	I	R	M	N	Z	C
N	N	C	E	N	T	I	P	E	D	E
E	A	T	T	F	W	O	R	M	Q	R
M	C	E	L	U	R	S	N	A	I	L
O	E	R	E	N	A	L	J	T	V	I
T	N	I	M	G	B	U	M	O	L	E
A	T	A	O	U	I	M	P	D	G	M
D	P	E	L	S	N	A	K	E	H	A
M	O	U	S	E	F	U	N	G	E	S

- BACTERIA
- BEETLE
- CENTIPEDE
- FUNGUS
- MOLE
- MOUSE
- NEMATODE
- RABBIT
- SLUG
- SNAIL
- SNAKE
- WORM