

Mighty Mole and Super Soil

The Underground Community

Answers to matching clues with underground critters

Garter Snake

I'm a reptile that can grow up to four feet long.
Some of my favorite foods are moles, mice, and bird eggs.
I kill my prey by wrapping my body around it and squeezing it to death.

Earthworm

I breathe through my wet skin. But if the ground gets too wet, I might drown.
When I wiggle through the soil, I keep the soil loose and rich.
Moles like to eat me. So do some birds, snakes, and box turtles.

Wolf Spider

I have a hairy body and eight legs.
My large eyes can see in four directions at one time.
Some birds, snakes, and lizards like to eat me.

Eastern Mole

I spend almost all of my time underground.
My tunnels help the soil by mixing and loosening it.
I eat grubs and insects that damage plants. My favorite food is earthworms.

Box Turtle

I'm a reptile that lives as long as 100 years.
My shell is soft when I'm young and gets harder as I get older.
I'm eaten by some birds and snakes.

Meadow Mouse

I sometimes use mole tunnels to travel underground.
Moles get blamed for the damage I do to lawns and gardens.
I'm food for birds, snakes, and foxes.

Ground Beetle

I'm an insect and lay my eggs underground.
I'm a good digger and a fast runner.
My mouthparts are adapted for eating insects, worms, and snails.

Soil Microbes

There are lots of us in the soil.
Some of us are so tiny that we're only as big as one cell.
We eat dead plants and animals.

Ant

I live in a colony. Each member has a special job to do.
The queen's job is to lay eggs.
Workers build tunnels using their mouthparts.

Woodchuck

I'm a large rodent also called a groundhog.
I make deeper tunnels and burrows than moles do.
My tunnel system has many exits so I can escape from predators.