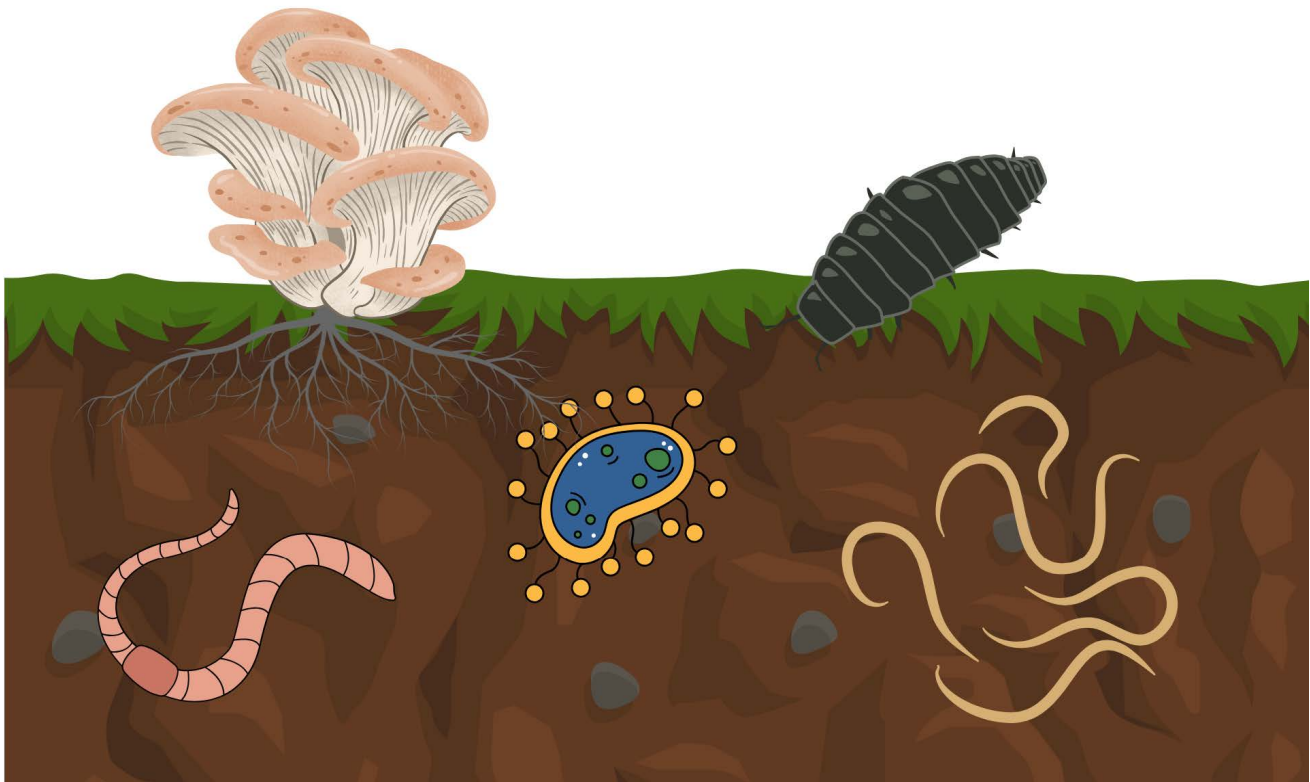


# Soil Dwellers

Through fun, interactive gameplay, children will learn how different organisms in the soil interact to create a healthy, thriving ecosystem, and how matter is cycled and energy is transferred as the properties of organisms change.



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# START

Go to 1 or 2



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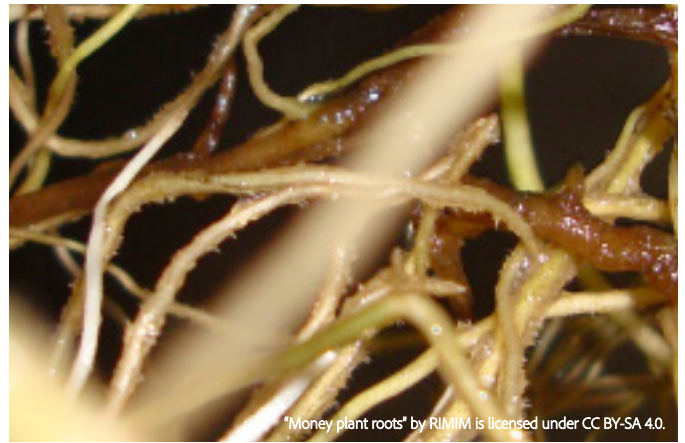






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**You are decaying leaf litter that provides food for soil organisms. Go to 3, 7, 8, 9, or 14.**



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**You are plant roots and secrete fluids that are beneficial to the soil and some organisms. Go to 5, 6, or 7.**



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**You have been broken down by chemicals released by the thread-like hyphae of a fungus and become part of its body. Go to 8, 10, 13, or 14.**



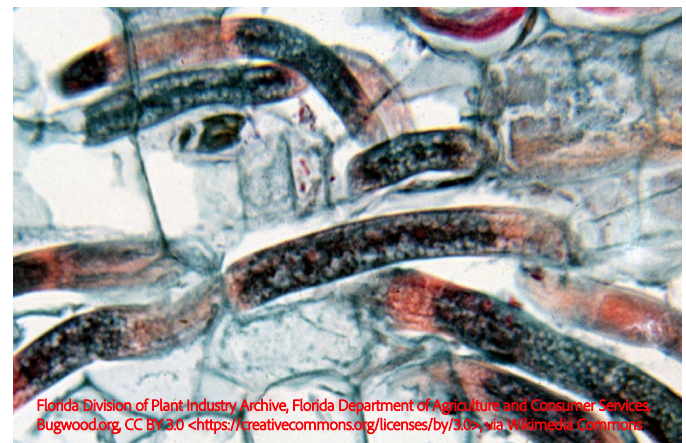
*Aspergillus flavus* (conidiophore and conidia)\* by Plant pests and diseases is marked with CC0 1.0.

**You have been infected by a disease-producing fungus, die, and decompose. Go back to START.**



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**You are a plant root that has formed a beneficial relationship with mycorrhizal fungi. Go to 8, 10, 13, or 14.**



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**You have been eaten by a root-feeding nematode and become a part of it. Go to 8, 13, 14, or 15.**

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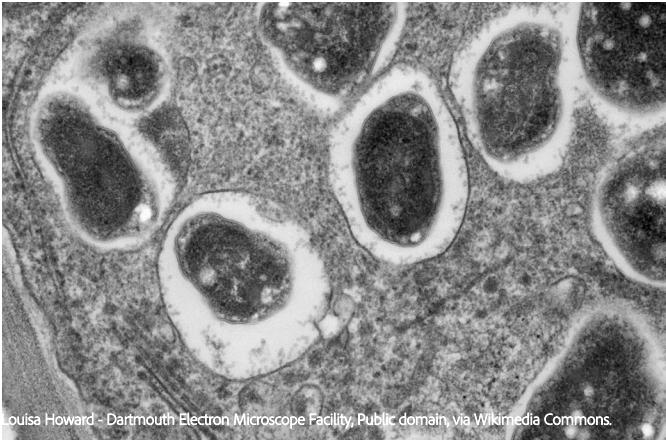
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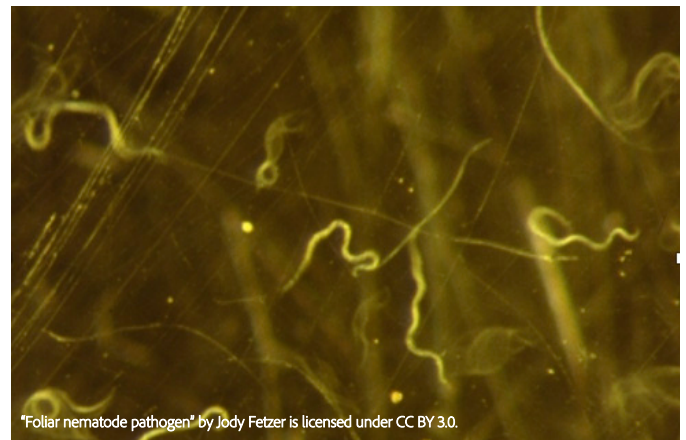
**You have been broken down into organic matter by bacteria.  
Go to 11, 12, or 13.**



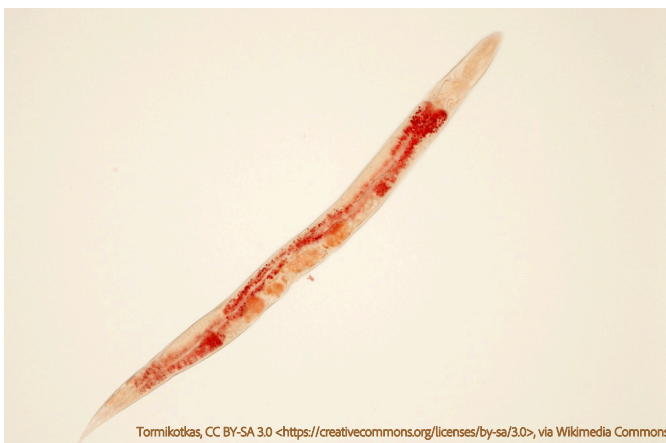
**You got eaten by a pill bug and eliminated as waste that later decomposes.  
Go back to START.**



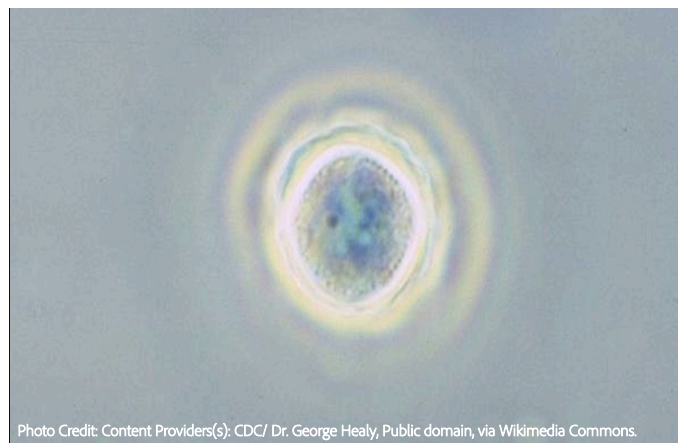
**Get eaten by a potworm and become part of its body.  
Go to 13 or 16.**



**You are eaten by a fungal-feeding nematode and become a part of it.  
Go to 13, 14, or 15.**



**You are eaten by a bacteria-feeding nematode and become a part of it.  
Go to 13, 14, or 15.**



**You are eaten by an amoeba and eliminated as waste, which later decomposes. Go back to START.**



8

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12

11



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**You are eaten by a springtail and become a part of it.  
Go to 16, 18, or 19.**



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**You are eaten by an earthworm and become a part of it.  
Go to 17, 19, 20, or 21.**



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**You get eaten by a predatory nematode and are now a part of it.  
Go to 8, 13, 14, or 16.**



Ground beetle: \*Ground Beetle, Carabidae\* by Greg Schechter is licensed under CC BY 2.0.

**You get eaten by a ground beetle and are now a part of its body.  
Go to 17 or 19.**



Ants: \*Black Garden Ant tending Citrus Mealybug\* by treegrow is licensed under CC BY 2.0.

**You get attacked by an ant and are left to decompose. Go back to START.**



Pseudoscorpion: \*Pseudo Scorpion Photos\* by hlydecker is licensed under CC BY-NC 2.0.

**You are eaten by a pseudoscorpion and eliminated as waste that later decomposes. Go back to START.**

**14**

**13**

**16**

**15**

**18**

**17**





**You get eaten by a bird and become waste that later decomposes.  
Go back to START.**



**You get attacked by a centipede and left to decompose. Go back to START.**



**You get eaten by a mole and become waste that later decomposes.  
Go back to START.**

**20**

**19**

**21**